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# THE INDEPENDENT

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# Tories plan sixth-form vouchers

**GOUL HUGUL** and FRAN ABRAMS

The Government will next week pave the way for a Conservative election manifesto commitment to introduce vouchers for all 16-

to 19-year-olds. The move will be contained in the Competitiveness White Paper, which will propose payment for results for all school sixth forms. This will place sixth forms on the same funding basis as other further education colleges, enabling vouchers to be

used across schools and colleges. The plan is a victory for the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and for right-wing Conservatives

Exclusive: White Paper to pave way for election manifesto pledge forces in education. They have out-manoeuvred Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for

Education and Employment,

who has been resisting the voocher proposals. Mrs Shephard is worried that plans to fund sixth forms and further education colleges in the same way could force some small sixth forms to close.

Ministers face a conflict between their desire for more competition and their policy of supporting school sixth forms which are academically suc-

nomically viable.

But the White Paper to be launched next Thursday by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will press ahead with proposals to ensure that school sixth-formers are funded in the same way as further education students.

A report last year said that one of the main obstacles to the introduction of vouchers is cost. The average sixth form course is more expensive than a further education course. Funding for further education

sults hut funding for school sixth forms is decided by the number of students they recruit. The White Paper will propose

that sixth form funding should

be based in part on successful completion of A-level or voca-

tional courses. A consultation paper to be published by Mrs Shephard's departments will explore the options. For instance, schools might get more cash for students successfully completing

colleges and sixth form col-leges is based partly on exam re-ful GCSE retakes might also attract more funding. Schools would have an incentive to turn away less able sixth formers.

Stepheo Byers, a member of Labour's from beach education and employment team, said: "Gillian Shephard is being squeezed between an alliance between Kenneth Clarke and the Tory right who are in favour

Mrs Shephard is worried that the plans to fund both schools and colleges in the same way might hackfire by damaging

school sixth forms, favoured by middle class parents.

In colleges, almost all funding follows the student while in schools only four-fifths does so and there is protection for those with only a few pupils. A recent report by accountants Coopers and Lybrand said a sixth form education cost £3,500 per year while a further educa-

tion college course cost £3,300. Ministers tried to introduce vouchers for this age group two years ago, but the scheme stalled after this cost difference was revealed. Now ministers are arguing that the sixth form courses cost only slightly more than further education ones if the calculation is based on the pro-portioo of students successfully

completing three A-levels.
Schools and colleges reacted with anger to the idea of vouchers last night, saying that they were designed to drive down the cost of education. They also said there was no need to introduce market forces into 16-19 education because competition for students was already fierce. The real problem was attracting adults, they said.

John Dunford, president of the Secondary Heads' Associ-ation, said schools were already responding well to the needs of 16-year-olds.

"This would be a completely unnecessary and retrograde step which would involve a huge hureaucracy. We dn not oeed a voucher system," he said.

Colin Flint, principal nf Solihull College and a council mem-ber of the Association for Colleges, said he was not against vouchers but they were not needed. "A very hard-nosed market-driven system which was all about outcomes would not be

helpful."

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### Santer and Major go head-to-head

DONALD MACINTYRE and IMRE KARACS

The British Government and the European Commission were in open confrontation last night after a hlunt warning its "absurd" non-co-operation from Jacques Santer, the Com-tactics continued. He described mission President, that the EU beef ban will remain in force until Britain ends its sabolage.

The sudden escalation in the brinksmanship between the Government and the Commission - on whose support Britain had originally been counting in said. the beef crisis - appeared to leave the two sides in the most serious stand-off yet, with no obvious or easy resolution in sight.

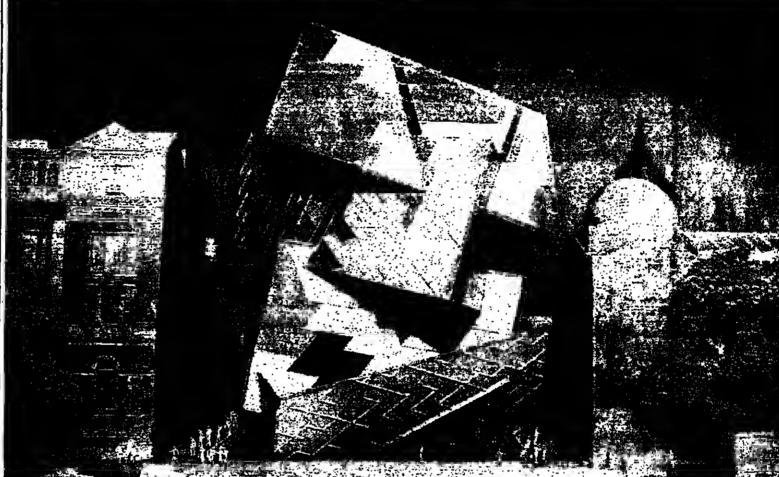
After making it clear that the Commission would fulfil its commitment to lift the ban oo gelatine, tallow and semen, Mr Santer went nn lo say firmly that this was the last time the Com-

mission would come to Britain's aid, While Downing Street insisted the policy of nonco-operation would go ahead, Mr Santer said the Government would receive no framework for ending the rest of the ban while. the effects of the British tactics

as "extremely grave".

"It is the duty of the Commission to launch an appeal to the British authorities to give up this policy and let the European institutions do their work," he

Although Mr Santer was speaking only in his capacity a President of the Commission, his words echoed the increasing anger being voiced in European capitals. Mr Santer insisted he was "oot at war" and was ool



In the year 2001 this will be the most admired, reviled and argued over building in Britain. Jonathan Glancey talks to its architect. Page 21

#### QUICKIA

£1bn bid kicks off Three media giants yesterday delivered scaled bids of as much as £1bn to the Premier League for the right to broadcast top football in Britain over the next

**Gummer homes in** John Gummer, the Envirooment Secretary, yesterday launched a national debate on how to accommodate the estimated 4.4 million new homes which will be needed to be built in England over the next

Negative reaction Studeots oo the Royal College of Art MA phntography course have issued a public statement calling for the resignation of their course director after an unprecedented number of failures

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#### seeking "unconditional surrender" from Britain. However, he TURN TO PAGE 2 An everyday story of how the Daily Mail digs its dirt – and how to throw it back

the Daily Mail - an everyday story of dirty-raincoal journalism. I am in the happy position of being able to land one on them before they try and land one oo me. Most tabloid victims

are not so lucky.

Here is the story. It started some weeks ago when I met the Mail's new associate editor, Veronica Wadley, sunk to that post recently from the Daily Telegruph. At a party, laughing over drinks, she told me: "You are the absolute bete noire of the Mail. We talk about you often at meetings." I represent all the liberal values they loathe, she said. (And as far I am concerned, the honour is returned: they stand fir everything that stinks about moralising hypocrisy). Everything I write affronts them on Michael Howard, law and order, the legalisation of soft drugs, poverty and social responsibility - you name it, they bate it. But most of all, oo family values. She said, laughing, that they were out to get me. I laughed too - imagining some reasoned confrontation argued out in print. How naive.

A couple of weeks back the Independent reprinted from Prospect magazine a long correspondence between myself and Melanic Phillips of the Obscreer. Over more than 20 years we have stood at opposite ends of the spectrum on family values issues. She takes a stern view of divorce and urges people 10 stay together for the sake of their children and society. I have always regarded divorce not as a social disaster but as a funda-

nental civil liberty. In the course of our exchange of letters, Melanie suggested supporters of freedom were simply apologists for their own divorces. I explained I was wid-owed and neither my husband nor myself had ever been di-

This is a pre-emptive strike vorced. What I did not say, beagainst the sleaze merchants of cause it seemed to me no-one's

By Polly Toynbee husiness, is that for the last three years I have had a close relationship with a man who separated from his wife. We live an

opeo public life, what's oew? The Daily Mail think they sniff out hypocrisy. They think they've got me - but I think not. Now if I were a silly MP like Rod

Richards, or any other family val-

around words about me like marriage-breaker".

I am puzzled. I try to imagine how they can turn this everyday concatenation of domestic circumstance into A Story. I am glad I do not have to pen the opening lines of this dull tale about a back of little interest to

giar casing the joint. My 11-year-old son was terrified, but even leagues wisely advised me not to more so when the house actually was broken into that day, for the first time in years. A coincidence,

But it is hard to describe the paranoia this induces. I try to imagine how much worse it would be if I did bave a secret to hide, especially from children. In a fit of anxiety I rang a se-



ues advocate, that would be another matter. If I were Melanic Phillips, then Bingo! But I have always argued for people to escape unhappiness where they can, life is not a rehearsal, etc etc.

First hint that something was up: people start getting calls from a David Jones of the Daihy Mail, digging for dirt. Colleagues in this office get calls. Mr Jooes is ferreting away amoogst friends, collecting quotes. The story he seems to be creating is the age-old saga of idylls destroyed by scarlet men coming and going at my Jezebels. Mr Jooes is throwing house. He suspected it was a bur-

vorced, separated or philandering journalists work on the Mail, I wonder, idly? But the Mail thinks with a few sneaky phone calls a reporter can get to the

bottom of these difficult things. Suddenly I find it frightening. Neighbours are getting calls some of them people I have never met. On Tuesday a man came over from Number 6, deeply worried by a call from the Mail asking detailed questions about what hours he had observed any

who I thought would not much like this kind of stuff. This contact spoke to David Jooes and then called me back, explaining: "He's not a happy bunny". Poor Jones did not like this assignment, which had been passed on to him from a more senior journalist who refused to handle it, but the editor Paul Dacre, was keen on it. However, unhappy

heart does not go out to Mr Jones or his employers. David Jones left a heap of messages on my pager and at it is time to stand up to them.

hunny or gleeful weasel, my

leagues wisely advised me not to do so. But then I decided not to take this like a victim and to hit back first. To stop him writing his

say that I would talk to him at great leogth and io great detail, but not until today. (Fat chance.) In the background there is the sound of his children having hreakfast. He is plainly as-tounded by my offer.

story before I can write mine, I

called him yesterday morning to

"I don't like this story at all," he bleats. "I'm going to ask them to put someone else oo it."
Awfully nice of him. "But I've
got four children to feed and they might not let me hand it oo." Later, Mr Jones rang a colleague of mine and told him he had asked to be taken off the story. Let's hope his rediscovery of decency does oot earn him the sack. We do oot know if some other poor blighter has been assigned the "story". But we can ssume so.

It's standard Daily Mail stuff. Geoffrey Whealcroft, an erstwhile friend, once wrote a damaging stinker about me in the Mail when I was at the BBC and then had the nerve to write me a cringing letter claiming his copy had been doctored, and anyway, he had a lot of little Wheatcrofts to keep in shoe leather. This lack of moral fibre does not seem to have dinted his ardour for moralising oo anything and everything for the Mail.

So there it is, the oewspaper of family values at its lowest. Why are they so afraid of hooest argument with those who have different views? Why can't they come out in the open and debate their beliefs? It is because their view of society is such a mishmash of contradictory hypocrisies, so far removed from most families' complicated experiences. No doubt they will retaliate against me some day. But

#### XERYUS ROUGE **POUR HOMME**



GIVENCHY

### Beaming down to the Brave Old World

It was a beautiful day and I thought to myself, what could be nicer than to spend it in the company of Old Labour? We could talk about times past and sing a few of those old, rousing songs. Later on we might take in an Indian and sink a couple of pints of beavy to wash down a pork vindaloo.

So off I went to a press con-ference featuring that dangerous radical, Roy Hattersley. Gloriously contrary now that he is unencumbered by high party office, Hatters discerns which way the political tide is flowing within his party — and then swims strongly and loudly in the opposite direction. One day

Severn

crossing

opens

The Prince of Wales officially opened the £330m Second Severn Crossing yesterday - and handed over 4p himself.

In a traditional gesture,

Prince Charles gave a 1p coin to each of the four children who presented him with scissors for

ribbon-cutting at either end of the three-mile river crossing, the

The ceremonies, 30 years af-

ter the Queen opened the first

crossing, marked the end of one

of the toughest engineering challenges in the world; 52,000

tons of concrete and steel went

into the new gateway to Wales.

Two 21-gun salutes heralded the ribbon-cutting, with RAF jets providing a fly-past and a Navy flotilla passing under the bridge which, at its highest

point, soars 125ft above the estuary; according to reports, it is already in need of repair.

Photograph: Brian Harris

longest in Britain.



soon he will be espied, complete with dreadlocks and nose-rings, selling Socialist Worker outside Victoria Station, stopping only to take the occasional swig from a bottle of Krug.

To get to Mr Hattersley and company I had first to gain en-try to the suite of MPs' offices

perspex door to slide open, standing inside a small bubble, waiting for the first door to slide closed again, and then waiting once more while a second transparent door opens. All of which happens with the swish and hiss of one of those airlocks in Star Trek. Presumably the idea is to equalise the air pressure between MPs natural environment and that of the world out-

Once aboard I prepared to take a time trip with Roy, Gerald Kaufman and Joan Lestor, who had come together as The First Past The Post Group,

at Number 7, Millbank This in formed to campaign against any change in the system for electing the House of Com-

> Roy's role was to take the discussion on to the higher plane of principle and destiny. If Labour was to fulfil its socialist promise, it must do so un-restricted by alliances with Liberals, nationalists and other oddbods. Did anybody realise how awful it was during dark days of the Lib-Lab pact (1977-79, for students of ancient history), when the whims of

footloose centrists drove men like Denis Healey to tears? Should Roy's highmindedness fail to persuade Labour

MPs to oppose change, Gerald Kaufman was on hand to spell out the more personal consequences. Thirty-four would have to give up their seats. They wouldn't like that, now would they?

Joan Lestor wound proceedings up. Like Gerald and Roy she has actually served in a Labour government. Her line was that she had fought nine elections under first past the post, and had won eight of

And it's true - she had. But Labour hadn't. I made a quick calculation that her first election was the 1964 Labour victory that ended "thirteen years of

Tory misrule". In the following 32 years. Lahour enjoyed a good working majority for four of them and a precarious one, or none at all, for another seven. The other 21 saw Conservative governments with solid or huge majorities, none of them elected with a majority of the

popular vote. So, as I stood in the airlock waiting to be beamed back to my own planet, I pondered the strange phenomenon of a group of people fighting like hell to re-tain a system that has so manifestly not worked for them. The phenomenon of Old Labour, in

Politics, pages 10, 11

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Two thirds of a congregation have left the Chinen of England in the largest single group conversion to Catholicism following the decision to ordain woman priests. A total of 120 present and lapsed members of the congregation of St Matthew's church at Bethnal Creek in the East End of London, were received into the Roman Catholic Church M. Harris and characters and characters and characters and characters and characters. Catholic Church III days ago. Their curate and descriptions also been ordained as Roman catholic deacure.

The parish priest and leader of the defection, Father Christopher Bedford, plans to become a Roman Catholic in September, when his possion from the Church of

The Princess Royal has rejected an invitation to
I become the first member of the Royal Panny in
address the TUC Congress. The Princess was advised that
an appearance at this year's conference in Blackpool military
be seen as an endorsement of the labour movement sheed
of the general election. She was asked to speak in her or
pacity as head of the Princess Royal Trust for Carees, but
union leaders also believed her appearance would enhance
the movement's national standing.

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The decision comes amid monoring sensitivity in the Royal Family over any hint that they may be favorance one of the political parties. Both the Prince and Princess of Wales have been involved in recent political controversies. George Carry, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has accepted an invitation to speak at next years TUC Congress as part of union leaders' policy to attract well-known figures.

Numbers of immates in julis could rocket to a record high of 60,000 by autumn next year as courts hand out tougher sentences. Richard Tilt, director-general of the Prison Service, warned yesterday. He said an ungent buildnumbers of inmates this year.

It is understood that he will now demand around £115m - equivalent to the total capital budget for the current financial year - from the Home Secretary to finance a further 3,500 places by March. He told the Commons

beer, and milk products. The result described in today's issue of the science journal Nature is the oldest vintage in the world—a Stone Age taste that dates back to between, 5,400 and 5,000 BC, when ares were made by binding stones into cleft sucks. Charles Arthur

Mand midwives who have been struck off the register for guidelines follow a national furore over the decision by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery

The man raped a former patient in her home in 1983. Itlater emerged that he had a previous conviction for drugging a patient in order to have sex with her. He was working as a care assistant - a non-mursing post - at a bome in East Sussex when details of his case became public. The Royal College of Nursing mounted a legal challenge to the UKCC's decision, saying it was not in the public interest for the man to practise after two convictions. Liz Hunt

yesterday won a compensation settlement from the Metropolitan Police after an industrial tribunal in north London upheld his claim for racial discrimination.

contracting the eating disorder as a result of the abuse.

Victims of the thalidomide drug are to be given an entra £7m by the Government to fielp them cope with their disabilities. Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health announced yesterday. The money will be paid to the. Thalidomide Thust, which was set up in 1973 to distribute. compensation payments after the tragedy. Under the original settlement the makers of the drug. Distillers, paid out £19m which was later topped up with £5m from the Government to offset tax liabilities.

Wales's oldest man, Griffith Williams, celebrated his 108th hitthday in a Porthmadog nursing home yesterday, with his usual tot of whisky and a cigar. Mr Williams, wounded at Ypres in the First World War, is also one of the

#### THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

in September, when his pension from the Church of England will have risen to a level he considers sufficient, according to the Catholic Herald. Fr Bedford was leader of the Romanising faction within Forward in Falth - the group which organises Anglican opposition to worse priests, and a considerable figure in the old Anglo-Catholic machine. The new congregation will continue to use their old building, sharing it with those Anglicans who have stayed though they will officially be part of the neighbouring Catholic parish of St Anne's Andrew British Catholic parish of St Anne's Andrew British

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ing programme was needed simply to house the growing

Home Affairs Select Committee that the jail population, at 54,600, was rising far quicker than expected and was already at the projected total for next spring.

Note: Item a thousand years before humans learnt to write, and when mud-brick homes were a wild new building fad, man learnt to make wine, according to new archaeological evidence. The contents of a pottery jar, excavated in the Zagras mountains of northern Iran. indicate that Man knew 7,000 years ago that grapes were good for more than just eating, say a team of scientists from the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. It shows residues of tartaric acid, found only in large quantities in grapes, and oleoresin, a natural additive used to sking the conversion of alcohol to vinegar.

That first wine would probably have tasted like the Grock is favourite retsina, which is flavoured with pine resin, because of the use of the additive; made of resin from the terebinth tree. In fact, wine was invented in what may have a been one of man's most productive periods, gastronomically speaking. Around 5,000 BC, humans also devised bread, beer, and milk products. The result described in today's

New guidelines governing the restoration of nurses offences including rape, child abuse and physical assault. have been agreed by the professions' regulatory body. The and Health Visiting in March to allow a convicted rapist to

return to practise as a mental nurse.

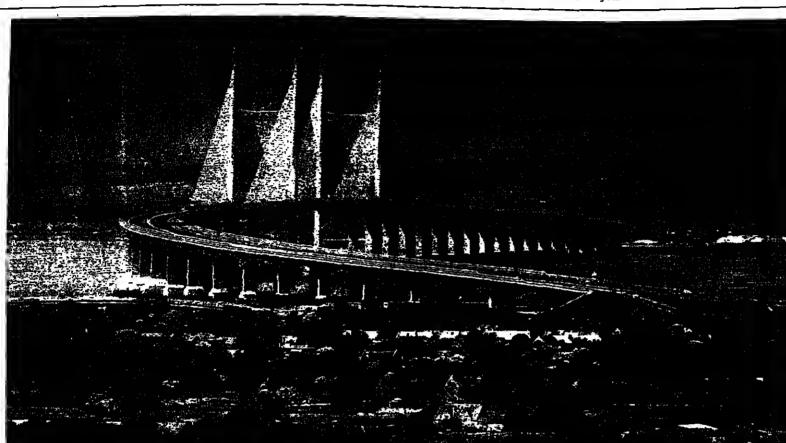
A Jewish policeman who claims he got bulimia after suffering anti-Semitic abuse from fellow officers at work

Constable Paul Thomas, 40, from Wembley, north-west London, suffered more than two years of constant taunts from colleagues at Chiswick police station in west London, who called him 'hymie', 'vid' and 'lew boy' and waved bacon rashers in his face. The father of three said he lost five stone to weight and spent almost two years on sick leave and had psychiatric treatment for depression after

I Jolicay sirines are introducing handcuffs to staff to Prestrain drunken passengers on flights. Air 2000 and Leisure International Airways said yesterday that they will be introducing the cuffs to cope with a growing problem with violent or disroptive passengers. A number of other charter companies said they were "reviewing" their handcuff policy. News of the review comes the week after England footballers caused £5,0000 worth of damage on a Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong.

would's oldest living authors. His autobiography, Cofio Camif, was published on his 102nd hirthday, Glanda Cooper

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### **EU President** warns Britain

FROM PAGE I went on: "I think that the British must give up this non-co-operation, this blocking, this stonewalling. It does not create the climate we need if we want to proceed to a realistic framework for lifting the ban."

The warnings exposed more clearly than ever the disastrous consequences of Britain's policy of disrupting European business in retaliation for the beef

John Major had hoped that blocking European policies would force member states to agree a framework for relaxing the ban in time to avert a headon clash at the Florence summit later this month. The disruption, however, has backfired and Mr Major now appears to have no clear way out of the crisis. Mr Santer confirmed yesterday that several member states had refused to back the easing of the derivatives ban on Monday as a direct result of the blocking cam-

paign. Mr Santer's statement followed an angry meeting of the full Commission, when several commissioners voiced fury at the way Britain has blocked their policies this week, and demanded that even the easing of the derivatives ban be shelved until Britain ended its disrup-tion. The Commission has been particularly angered by Britain's sabotage campaign, because it was the Commission which called for European "solidarity" with Britain, and backed the

only to find Britain more comhative than ever. Yesterday, Mr Santer said: "Solidarity is a two-way street.

Fairness is a British concept." One senior ex-minister said the move was not unexpected and that there was every chance that negotiations would now "go underground", with a deal still on the cards for the Florence summit in two weeks.

But another serving pro-European minister expressed concern at the way in which the issue was being exploited by Tory Euro-sceptics, saying: "John Major bas embarked on a very high-risk strategy." His anxieties will be reinforced by the reaction of one hard-line Euro-sceptic, who described Mr Santer's statement as "wonderful news" because it would foment opposition to the EU.

Tristan Garel-Jones, page 20 Industry anger, page 23

### Ulster talks at risk over 'strand' dispute

BY COLIN BROWN

The Irish peace progress was under threat again last night after a defiant IRA statement and easing of the derivatives han - a new dispute between London and Dublin over the appointment of former US Senator George Mitchell to bead the cross-party talks on the future

of Northern Ireland. John Major held up a deal, which was expected to be signed two days ago, after the Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble refused to allow Mr Mitchell to chair the "strand two" talks on future relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Re-

British ministers were privately accused of unravelling an earlier agreement by Dublin. "We thought we bad an agreement on Tuesday night but they have unpicked it," said one source. Britain wanted "strand two? talks to be chaired by the Canadian memher of the Mitchell commission, John de

Chastelain.
The Ulster Unionists and some British ministers were

be limited to chairing the open-tiations. tog session, and a sub-committee on decommissioning of IRA

weapons.
"We are arguing about the whole role of Mitchell," said auother source at Westminster. The hrinkmanship over the final arrangements threatened to sour the agreement between the two governments for the talks.

As part of his efforts to break the impasse, John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, paid a surprise visit to London to hold brief talks with the leader of the Ulster Unionists. Mr Trimble had taken a hard line when he met Mr Major on Monday.

Mr Bruton, who was breaking short a flight to Ireland after talks with Chancellor Helmut Khol in Germany, did not go to Downing Street to meet Mr Major. British Government sources said Mr Bruton had to address the Dail and had no time to meet Mr Major. The Irish Prime Minister told

not prepared to trust Mr the Dail an "enormous range" Mitchell with one of the most of points had now been agreed delicate areas of the talks. They with the British government insisted that Mr Mitchell should about the format of the nego-

Mr Major was briefed on the breakdown in the agreement by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, shortly before hosting an official lunch for Mary Robinson, the President of Ireland, at Number Ten, with Mr Spring and other

IRA sources, in briefing a number of journalists, made it clear that any possibility of a ceasefire should be discounted, principally hecause of the British government's attitude on de-commissioning. The likeli-hood of a ceasefire was described as "remote in the extreme."

One source said: "Let us nail completely the position on de-commissioning. The IRA will not be de-commissioning its weapons, through either the front or the back doors. We will never leave nationalist areas defenceless this side of a final settlement."

The senior IRA source described the idea of reviewing decommissioning after three months as a fudge, after which Britain would re-erect the issue as an absolute barrier to progress. He accused the government of hardening its posi-

The comments all but remove hopes that a last-minute compromise could be found which might trigger an IRA ceasefire in time for talks. While the two governments have been looking for a formula on parallel de commissioning, the IRA position appears to be that even this is out of the question. Behind this may lie an IRA assessment that it will tread water until the next British general election

Mrs Robinson later said it should be possible to remember the history of Anglo-Irish relationships without hitterness at time of growing links between the countries.

Mrs Rohinson, in Britain on four-day official visit, said the trip gave a chance to "take stock" of the of links between the two peoples.

#### Ruddles County Riddles. No. 6. A Question of Semantics.

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#### Rocket explosion inquiry

The European Space Agency's Ariane-5 rocket exploded on its maiden flight on Tuesday be-cause of a failure of electronic communication between the guidance system and the on-board computer, according to ESA officials, writes Tom

Daniel Mugnier, launch op-

erations director at Kouron in French Guiana, said that 37 seconds into the mission the onboard computer apparently started to believe - wrongly that the rocket was veering off course and therefore issued a command to the rocket motors. The control system swivelled the nozzles of the rocket engines

so violently that they hit the endstops; the rocket turned over and the stresses broke off the upper part, triggering auto-matic self-destruction. In Britain, scientists were putting a brave face on the damage to their research pro-

grammes following the loss of the four-satellite Cluster pay-load carried on Ariane-5. At ESA beadquarters, the focus was moving to the contractors and the pre-flight tests. The agency's inquiry is due to make its first report by 15 July. Launch-pad prospects, page 21

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## FICANT SHOP

### Japanese man...likes to write poems about...the delights of Spam

Spam frying in lard The whir of the kitchen fan Summer of my youth For centuries, Japanese men of letters have recorded the passing of the seasons and the

pangs of love in huiku – tiny, del-

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with accompanying video
graphics), and "SciFaiku" incongruous forces have been

united in an entirely new literary form. Welcome to the world leprosy.

Spamku, quite simply, are haiku about Spam, and they are part of a worldwide renaissance in haiku which is taking place in cyberspace.

Dozens of haiku web sites have sprung up, ranging from serious literary forums in Japanese and English to more out-

theme), and even a site devot-

But the most inventive of the lot is the Spam Haiku Archive, set up a year ago by John Nagamachi Cho, a half-Japanese scientist at the Arecibo Obser-

vatory in Puerto Rico.
"In the age of MTV attention spans and sound-bite news coverage, most [people] do not have the patience and discipline to channel their creative impulse into a sustained and coherent art form," writes Mr Cho in the Spamku manifesto, posted at

"The haiku form is, thus,

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perfect for our culture. Spam, spawned a post-modern, cross-that mysterious and irresistibly cultural literary form."

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posted in the Archive at slice/ Ants http://www.naic.edu/~jcho/spa m/sha.html. An average of 10 new poems are added every day: Spamku-ists include Japanese, Australians, Germans, Britons and Americans.

All contributions must adhere to the strict haiku form three lines divided into five, seven and five syllables - but they reveal a range of complex attitudes to Spam which belie its seemingly humble status. Some, like the one above, are nostal-

the Spamku but, in its 12 gie memories of Spam p months of operation, nearly 4,000 Spamku bave heen Others focus on the poigns tragic ebaraeter, of Spam: gie memories of Spam past. I love this country: Others focus on the poignant, As a clitic and s Formless, spreadable.

Beneath contempt, Pity me! I am devilled Spam. "For some reason people have this thing about Spam," says Mr Cho. "There's something intrinsically funny about

it - just saying the word is enough to make people laugh." Four out of five contributions make fun of Spam, but a mi-nority are simple celebrations. Ate three cans of Spam, wrote one American Spamku-ist:

As a elite and sophisticated newspaper, the Independent is keen to further the art and appreciation of Spamku. We therefore announce Britain's first Spamku poetry competi-tion. Only proper Haiku-form work, offered in a spirit of bomage to Spam, will be considered. The runner-up will win a year's supply of pork luncheon meat and the winner will be awarded a week's supply.

Entries should be sent to the Independent and marked: Pork Luncheon Meat Poetry

#### Housing future: The sceptred isle is also a crowded one. Can room be made for 4.4 million more households?





### Home alone: a nightmare for urban planners

**CLARE GARNER** 

The tendency for people to remain single for longer than they used to bas been identified as one of the reasons for an unprecedented growth in the number of one-man or one-woman households in Britain.

The Secretary for the Environment, John Gummer, launching a national accom-modation debate yesterday, linked the increase in single households and marriage hreak-ups to record demand for

extra housing.
He tried to focus debate on how to supply the 4.4 million new houses his department estimates Britain will need in the next 20 years.

Almost 80 per cent - about 3.5 million - of these homes will he occupied by just one person, according to his department's household projections for the years to 2016.

Mr Gummer told the Royal Town Planning Institute's annual conference in Brighton: "Even if, like me, you deplore

the damage done to family life, and the institution of marriage, you cannot ignore the consequences or hope they will go

"All of us need to face them squarely. They mean more homes needed.

They mean a demand for more space, greater pressure to build in the countryside, to expand in the towns, to increase density and live more handily for work and play."

He looked forward to a

frank discussion about the social and eivornmental effects of the single way of life. Such a debate should embrace churches, businesses, social organisations, al sud national govern Mr Gummer proposed.

"We need to admit that, in many instances, government's role is not a central factor," he said. The forces at work are deep-rooted cultural changes which have been evolving for generations. These are susceptible to influence only if the whole society hegan to feel that a radical new direction were

The department's projections, , published in March last year, are that the number of ouseholds in Buckinghamshire and Cambridgeshire will almost double in the next two decades, while the number in Wiltshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshre and Northamptonshire rises by 30 to 40 per cent.
Residents of Hampshire,

London, Manchester, and Yorkshire can expect the largest increase in households, with more than 160,000 new homes in each area.

Mr. Gummer emphasised vesterday that he would protect the green belt "because people need that absolute security. But we have to ask how we are going to work within those lim-

He did not, however, rule out more Milton Keynes-style new towns, commenting: "Whatev-er the solutions, they are going to be tough.'

Households have shrunk over recent decades. In 1961 there werefour to five people



Rural idyff: A countryman in the canal lock, his wife looking on. Life rolls gently on in Marsworth, Buckinghamshire

per household, a figure that fell to 2.47 in 1991 and is tipped to

decline to 2.17 in 2016. The make-up of the house-holds has dramatically altered, too. In 1991 England had 19.2 million households in England, of which 55 per cent were occupied by married couples and 27 per cent by one person. By 2016 there are expected to be 23.0 million household those occupied by single 42 per cent of them composed of married couples and 36 per cent of singles.

On present trends, less than 20 per cent of all households will be occupied by nuclear families. To discourage this trend. Mr Gummer said social housing policies should favour married

The Council for the Protecfore it began. tion of Rural England hit back at Mr Gummer yesterday, saying that, unless he tackled the central failure of his Government's policy to serve either "those in need (or) the countryside", his "national debate" would rule out key questions be-

The national conservation body criticised what it called the department's tendency to regard the bousehold projection figures as "targets".

It said the Government should instead concentrate on renewing the cities.

Tony Burton, the council's head of planning and natural re-sources, asked: "Why do the household projections domi-nate the debate? What about

the issues of affordable housing, preserving the countryside and urban regeneration?" He warned of the conse-

quences of unrestrained development on the nation's landscape: "If we build in the future as we have in the past and we meet the 4.4 million figure, this will involve developing an area of countryside larger than Greater London by 2016.

### Warding off the predators

**CLARE GARNER** 

More than half-a-century ago, residents at two villages were promised that an airfield would be turned back to farmland at the end of the Second World War, But, fifty years on, they have abandoned such dreams to concentrate instead on the business of warding off hids to build hundreds of houses there.

Far from enhancing the vil-lages, the disused land at Marsworth Camp could potentially destroy a rural style of life which has been cherished by locals since the days of the Domesday Book. In her twelve years as elerk

to Marsworth parish council, in Buckinghamsbire, Sylvia Frost has encountered several land-

hungry developers. Most re-cently, Skimmed Milk Suppli-ers Limited applied to build 100 residential dwellings on the

property. The application was thrown out by the local district council (Aylesbury Vale) and has now gone to appeal, leaving villagers nervously awaiting Mr Gummer's response. Local opinion is unanimous:

the consequences of developing the airfield site, situated between the two Hertfordshire villages, Long Marston and Marsworth, would wipe out both communities at a stroke. The obvious problem would be the terrifie increase in traffie on the narrow country lanes and canal bridges. What is now canal could become a hazardous venture.

Mrs Frost explained the traditional routine: "Marsworth has a very narrow hump-back canal bridge over which only one car can pass at a time. Villagers walk over it to get to the canal. There are all sorts of plans for traffie lights and natchings on the side of the road for pedestrians but, I mean, this is a little, rural community. It's totally unsafe."

There is also the toll such an influx of residents would take on the fabric of the community. "Where would these people go to? Who would they gel with?" asked Mrs Frost. "There's no one in the village

who objects to newcomers, but

a peaceful amble over to the if we have 100 bouses we're going to bave 200 people all at once. That's an awful lot of people to absorb into a community at one go. It will either be a separate settlement or it could set a precedent for everything to be joined together. We could become another Aylesbury or Tring or something. That would be a tragedy."

The situation is similar in Long Marston, where Rick Williams, chairman of planning for Tring rural council, is fighting the case for the village.
"We don't feel there is the need for the housing. There are a lot of houses up for sale around our way. Whatever bouse you want you can have at a price. But the other lot will



### Media giants in billion-pound battle for Premier League deal Mirror/Carlton was also matches on a pay-per-view ba-

MATHEW HORSMAN and PATRICK TOOHER

Three media giants - Lord Hollick's MAI-United, Rupert Mardoch's BSkyB and a cousortium comprising Mirror Group and Carlton - yesterday delivered scaled bids to the Premier League for the right to broadcast top football in the

BSkyB's bid was handed over late last night, after last-minute consultations by telephone be-tween BSkyB chief executive Sam Chisholm and Mr Murdoch. The two men made a final decision on the amount of the bid, which included the op-

tion of a checky low-hall offer. MAL which had kept its plans highly secret, is now known to be bidding on its own, offering between £150m and £200m n year over 10 years. thought to be offering as much exclusive live broadcast rights.

The 20 club chairmen were due to gather in Coventry this morning to review the offers, and could pick a winner as early as tomorrow. Some club executives had to return to the UK from holidays and business abroad including Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, who flew in from Greece late last night. The cru-cial two-day meeting takes place just before the launch of the Euro 96 football championship

at Wembley on Saturday. The current contract with BSkyB, which expires next year, was worth about £60m a year to the Premier League. But the runaway success of top football, and the prospect of billions of pounds from the broadcast of

sis in a few years' time, have tothe exclusive rights - probably by a factor of three.

"We always knew the price was going to go through the fering to share excess profits roof," said one leading media with the clubs. analyst yesterday. A source close to MAI added: "Top club Manchester United only made £2.5m [from TV] last year about the same BSkyB gets in

BSkyB was still given the edge last night, thanks to its four-year record of broadcastdaily revenues." ing Premier League matches and its deep pockets. Both MAI and Mirror/Carlton plan to broadcast the matches on

cable and satellite. MAI has secured options on satellite transponders controlled by Nethold, one of Europe's leading pay-TV com-

panies. Mirror/Carlton was be-lieved by industry observers to as £1hn over five years for the gether boosted the price-tag for have failed in repeated attempts to secure satellite capacity in advance of tabling its offer. All three bidders are of-

> BSkyB has a controversial right to match any competing offer for the new contract, but lawyers for Mirror/Carlton and MAI have advised that this 'pre-emption" clause is unenforceable. However, lawyers for BSkyB claim the clause is binding. The League's top clubs, inchuding Manchester United, are believed to prefer a short-term contract of no more than three years. They want to reserve the right to renegotiate once digi-tal TV is introduced in the UK. providing the scale needed for

pay-per-view. Crumbling alliance, page 23

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### Police chief on attack against England footballers and the FA

The man in charge of policing the Euro 96 championships yesterday criticised the behaviour of both the English team and the Football Association.

Only three days before the biggest ever sporting events, Malcolm George, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater

against England players on board a Cathay Pacific in the eight cities hosting the championships. Privately, offi-Far East tour "did not help" his role in heading off football

Reprimanding the soccer establishment, Mr Genrge said kick-off of one of Britain's a change in FA ticketing policy could lead to a violent breakdown of plans in segregate fans. He was speaking after the Manchester, said last week's FA confirmed that unsold tickallegations of criminal damage ets for the tournament would be

cers said that the policy effectively reversed an assurance that tight controls would be imposed on ticket sales to enable police to enforce strict segregatinn of rival supporters.

Coupled with the availability of tickets on the black market, the latest move would mean police would have to expect "free association" of rival

concerned because we supported the policy of segregatinn, said Mr George. The implications of free associaconveyed to senior officials.

tion [among fans] are significant because of the potential for violence. It means we will have to be more vigilant, more aware and more skilful." Any hreakdown in order would result in the deployment of riot police.

The FA was understood to be

reasonable in assume that Mr Genrge's comments about the England players will have been

On the ticketing issue, a spokesman said last night that the FA would continue to co-ordinate its ticket policy with the police. However, it appeared that tickets would still be sold

Meanwhile, the courts were holding an emergency meeting yesterday accused of operating

tion when six football fans were high-profile dawn raids by remanded in custody on charges of violent disorder.

A lawyer representing one of the suspects said after the hearing that the remands were "politically motivated by the start of Euro 96 and that he would appeal against them. Among those locked up were a 17-yearold boy accused of throwing three 10p pieces and an 18-year-

police in London and Essex on lucsday. They were part of a series of arrests around the country of alleged hooligans in advance of the championships,

which begin on Saturday. James Nichol, a respected civil liberties lawyer, who represented the 17-year-old, said after yesterday's hearing that he believed a policy of preventative

detention was in force. "We are

He is not a member of a gang, he is not a member of a rightwing racist group - he went there with his friend who is black - and he does not regu-

larly attend football matches. "I believe he would not normally be remanded in custody for an offence like this. I will be appealing to the Crown Court on Friday to have him released on hail."

### Complex problems: Concerns over financial past of consortium head who won go-ahead for ambitious leisure project

# Ally Pally developer is a £1m bankrupt

The businessman chosen tn redevelop Alexandra Palace in north London is an undischarged bankrupt with debts nf

Derek Sheldon, 51, whn was declared bankrupt in July 1994. has put together the Alexandra Palace 1999 consortium tn develop a leisure complex at the birthplace of BBC Television. His proposal, which includes

a multiplex cinema and a broadcasting museum, is backed by construction group Alfred McAlpine and Pillar, a property investment company. The development has been billed by Haringey Council, trustees of the palace, as an important step towards securing the long term future of the 123-year-old site, which faces losses of £55m.

However, Mr Sheldon, who describes himself as both chairman of the consortium and project manager, denies sug-gestions that his financial problems affect his position. "All I lost in 1994 was my money, not

used by nur opponents. Quite clearly it is unfortunate, but it is unt significant." However, Malkins, soliciturs

for the trust, have written in the board of trustees, voicing con-cerns about Mr Sheldon. Last night, a Haringey councillor, who would not be named, claimed that the authority failed in investigate the financial background of Mr Sheldon. This is typical of their ham-fisted approach to Ally Pally. I am not surprised at all at their selection nf a bankrupt as developer."

Questions have arisen about whether Mr Sheldon has the experience in run the project, but he refutes them. One achievement he lays claim to as a leisure developer is the prestigious Loch Lomond Golf Course.

He was a director from 1987 tol 990 of developers Stirling Investments, but the company ran out of money, leaving debts of £3.5m, and administrators were called in when only two holes had been turfed. After Stirling Investments collapsed. 



Making plans: Derek Sheldon refutes questions over his ability to see through the Ally Pally redevelopment

Excise two years later. He then developed three bowling alleys in Scotland and one in Harlow, all of which were later sold and the companies involved dis-

Last night, Haringey reiterated its support for the Ally Pal- Pillar has reassured Haringey of

was wound up by Customs and ly development and said the its commitment to the develcompanies involved were being assessed. A spokesman for Al-fred McAlpine said: "McAlpine and Pillar will carry the project through. We do not know it what will mean for Mr Sheldon and his future involvement."

coment, but was unavailable for comment last night.

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Until now, any development has been prevented because liability for the £55m debt had not been resolved. However, last month Haringey accepted liability for £50m after its

week. He said: "It is very amchief executive, Gurbux Singh. received a letter from the Trea-

erly incurred. The £11.8m bid for the 125year palace lease, drawn up by Mr Sheldon, was chosen last

sury Solicitor accusing the coun-

cil of failing to provide evidence

to prove expenditure was prop-

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

bitious, but the response from leisure operators has been such that we could let the available space twice over." The project will need to be approved by the Charity Commission, a public planning inquiry and eventual-

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80 mins talktime

#### **Drivers** quick to blame others

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR ransport Correspondent

Threequarters of all drivers involved in road accidents believe that their crash was someone else's fault, according to

new research by the AA.

Dr Wyn Hughes, who carried out the survey, said that if drivers could reengnise their own failings, the number of accidents could he reduced.

Dr Hughes, a transport researcher for Cambridge County Council studied \$00 accidents on single carriageway "A" roads in Camhridgeshire. He found that four out of five

drivers involved in the accidents were men, though women make up 37 per cent of all drivers. Wide open roads recommended by the Department of Transport were found to be more dangernus than ones

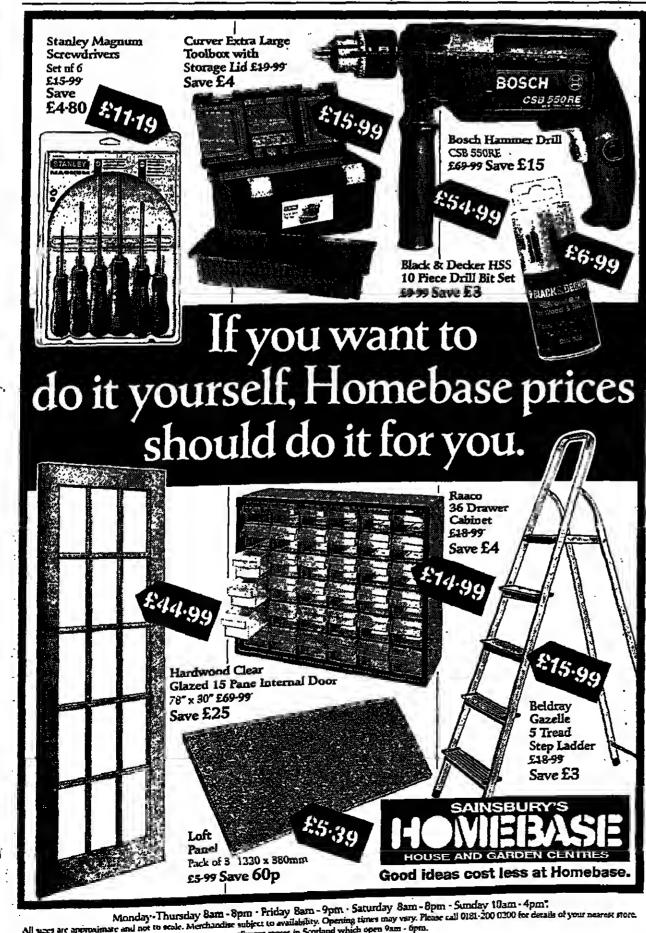
where there are bends. The research suggests that there are 50 per cent more accidents on roads where drivers can see 580 metres ahead - the Department's standard for good visibility.

The studyfound no simple association between traffic density and the accident rate. It also dispelled some myths about driving on country roads.

Tractors and agricultural equipment were rarely found to be the cause of accidents. And all, but 2 per cent of drivers involved in accidents in rural areas were local people familiar with the roads. Indeed, it seems that those who do not know smaller roads so well exercise more caution when using them.

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Education methods: Professor clashes with traditionalists over interpretation of study showing benefits of Far East teaching

# Going back to the future 'is wrong'

**DOUL HINGUL** 

Traditionalists who hope to use an academic's research to force a return to the teaching methods of the 1950s are wrong.

Professor David Reynolds. author of the research showing the beoefits of whole-class maths teaching, said yesterday he did oot want to see a return to the past. His comments folcame as the chief inspector of schools, Chris Woodhead, that schools should turn their backs oo modern lessons based on

Prof Reynolds, whose research on mathematics teaching showed that British eight year-olds lagged behind their peers in Taiwao and Hong Kong. said schools should oot drop interactive teaching.

was featured in the Independent last year, both ministers and government advisers have praised the teaching methods

used in the Far East. Yesterday Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, and Mr Woodhead visited Barking and Dagenham, east London, where similar methods adopted from European countries are used. Prof Reynolds, of the Uni-

versity of Newcastle, said: "There is no evidence to sup-port what the traditionalists are saying about the effective-ness of whole-class instructioo. It is whole-class interactive instruction that is the key. Going reactively towards whole-class instruction is as silly as going to group work as a reaction against whole-class teaching."
His report on Britain's maths

years will be published by the Office for Standards in Education later this month.

Prof Reynolds said more research was needed on what methods worked, and its findings should be incorporated in

teacher training courses.

His report will say that low proportion of whole-class teaching in Britain's schools is not the only reason for low standards.

British teaching methods are also too complicated. They can cause "chaos" with teachers switching from whole-

class teaching to groups based oo ability in one subject to a mixed-ability group in another. Another complication is that there may be several adults, such as parents and classroom assistants, in a classroom whom the teacher has to manage.

The report will also empha-

pupils are more successful because their culture is geared

to hard work.

Mr Woodhead and Mrs Shephard said the Barking and Dagenham experiment, which uses whole-class maths teaching m primary schools, should lead to the methods spreading. Mr Woodhead said; "I was

very impressed by what I saw. The pupils we observed were conceotrating intensely." Labour's promise to reduce class sizes to no more than 30

for five- to seven-year-olds was underscored yesterday by Es-telle Morris, a frootbench education spokeswoman. She told the Commons that primary education had always been treated as the "cinderella" and it was time the disparity with the sec-



Maths test: The Education Secretary Gillian Shephard in Dagenham yesterday

Photograph: Edward Sykes



FRAN ABRAMS

When the teacher enters a Taiwanese classroom some of the pupils are already working, fin-ishing off earlier lessons. With-in 45 seconds they are all paying attention, facing the front and ready to begin work.

The teacher explains an ele-ment of arithmetic, using a cake to demonstrate division,

for example. The lesson is fastmoving and even slightly anar-chic, with several children shouting at once in answer to a

All the children are fully involved, coming up to the front to give their answers and writing them on the board. Sometimes six or seven of the 40-plus pupils in the class are on their

Once or twice during the 40-minute lesson, the teacher asks the pupils to do a sum in their text books, but within a few minutes the whole class has completed the task and is facing the teacher again. But for . teacher's attention.

at least-nine tenths of the time. the teacher talks.

While the pupils have their heads down she walks up and down the neat rows of desks, picking out the slower pupils for a little extra help. In some classes, every child waits until the last one has finished a piece of work before moving on.

A class of seven-year-olds might be found doing number work just as they might in London or Manchester, but they would concentrate on basic sums rather than on the ways in which they might be applied. And the Taiwanese pupils are ahead of their British counterparts. Large quantities of subject matter are covered in a single lesson.

Parents of middle and kw-

achieving children in Taiwan are usually very happy with the system, which aims to bring everyone up to a minimum standard. Those with very bright children tend to feel less happy because pupils with problems can expect to get more of the

### Saddle-weary commuters left with a sore deal

Stressed cyclists get little relief at the capital's sights, writes Ben Summers

Yesterday was Bike to Work
Day, but the first thing you available lamppost on that side would have noticed if, like me,

you were out to mark the occasion, is that cyclists hav become something of a rare breed.

I had arrived at Paddington station at 8am, ready to tackle the streets and find out if the capital's attractions make any allowances for the those of us artiving on two wheels.

I soon learned why few cy-clists venture out here: London's streets are unforgiving. Just 200 yards down the road from the station I was nearly sandwiched between curb and car. Perhaps drivers would treat me with a little more respect if I were an MP, I mused. So I took myself off to Covent Garden to see if this was true. There, I found forty honourable mem-

bers diligeotly loading up on free croissants in preparation for the 1996 MPs' Bike Ride. As they pushed off, the group quickly took on the appearance of a cycle protest, forming a thick knot of bicycles. No one wanted to be at the back; everyone wanted to lead. Thus did a clump of MPs make their unsteady way to Parliament, ties fluttering in the breeze.

Taxis hooted angrily, motor-bikes cut across and civil ser-vants scowled. Who were these mad men and why were they blocking up Whitehall? The convoy arrived at the House and the bikes were tak-

en away in a large white van. The parliamentary bike rack, after all, only has space for 35.
Yet 35 turns out to be a fair-

ly healthy allowance. On my subsequent bicycle tour of the capital, only the British Museum could top it, with parking available for 36. The Royal Academy has just

two orange hoops on to which four early-bird visitors can chain their treaders. It is left to the railings outside for the rest.

Bottom of the high-culture, ow cycle-tolerance league is the National Gallery. As I arrived, a white-haired gentleman was of Trafalgar Square.

The man at the gallery's reception desk said there was no official cycle space for visitors. Furthermore, a passing traffic warden warned me that it would be a bad idea to lock anything to anything on the other side of the Square. This is the edge of the centre's "ring of steel".

Would my bike be clamped if I locked it there? No, but it

would be reported to the police and they would come, cut the lock and cart it off to the pound. Suitably chastened, I pedalled off in search of some light

#### Bicycle facts If one-third of all short car journeys were made by bike, heart disease rates would fall by five to 10 per cent.

in a city, a large car is 85 times less energy efficient than a bike.

200 cyclists die on British roads each year (of whom 20 are killed in London).

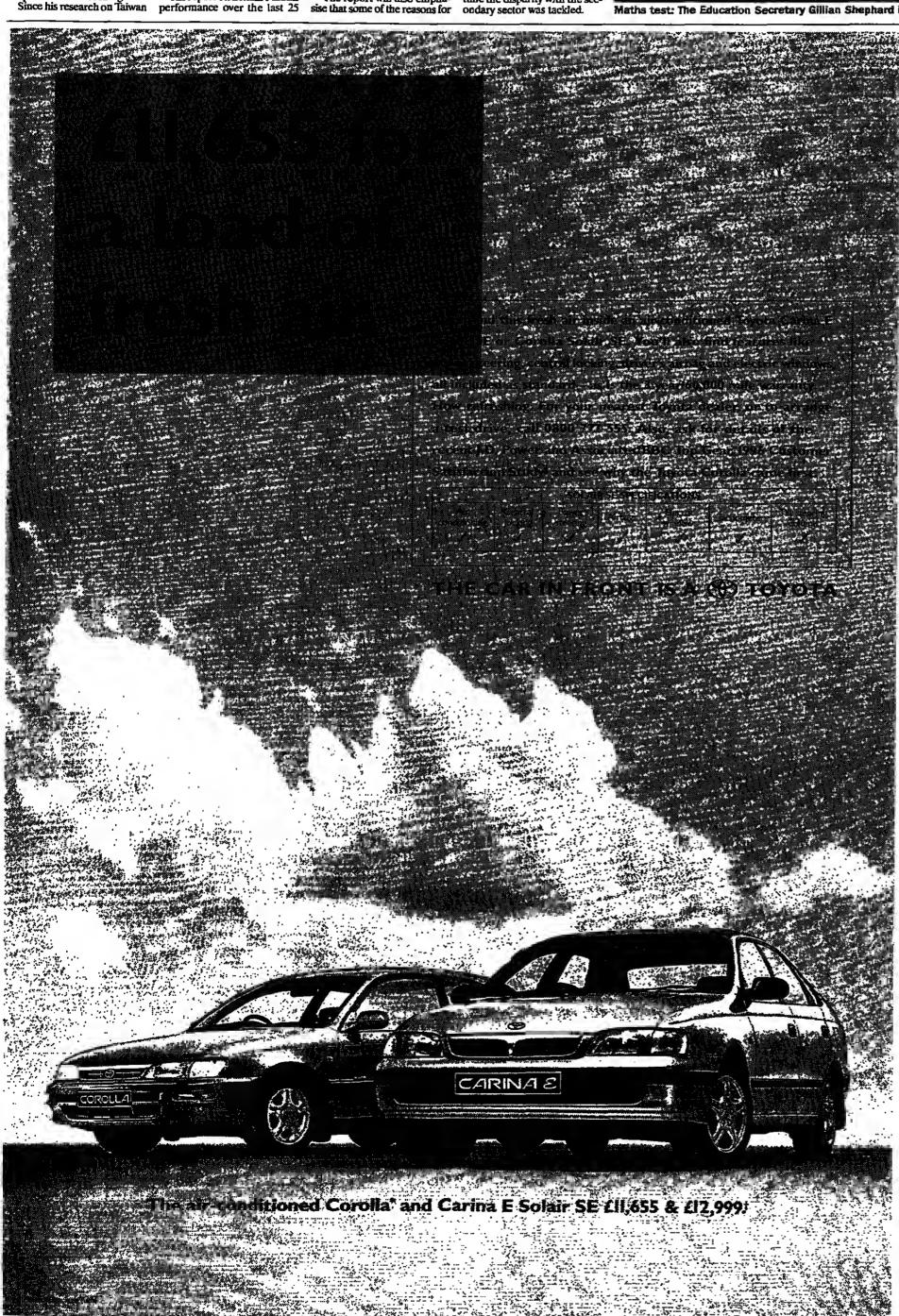
Cyclists are at fault in 25 per cent of collisions with a motor vehicle; motorists are at fault in 57 per cent.

refreshment. Le Meridien bo-tel. Piccadilly, looked tempting. but bikes could not be housed on the premises. The Café Royal nearby did, however,

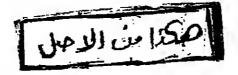
The Ritz did not put on a bike rack but there is apparently little demand. One would have to find a railing, suggested the doorman, or he could keep an

eye on it for a short while. It seems the car still rules in the capital. Apart from slage-managed MPs, there were more cycle couriers to be seen than cycle commuters yesterday.

Still, as I jammed my bike back into the train at Padding-ton, apologising as I went, I reflected that there are some ordeals which are spared to the purest of bike-to-work purists.



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# Referendum Party

# The Question

The Referendum Party welcomes the Referendum Bill to be brought before the House of Commons on Tuesday, 11th June, by cross-party pro-referendum MPs.1

In the Bill, the wording for the proposed Ballot paper for the referendum is:

#### Preamble:

The United Kingdom Government, as a continuing member of the European Community and the European Union, is in the course of negotiations for the revision of the Treaty of European Union.

#### The Question:

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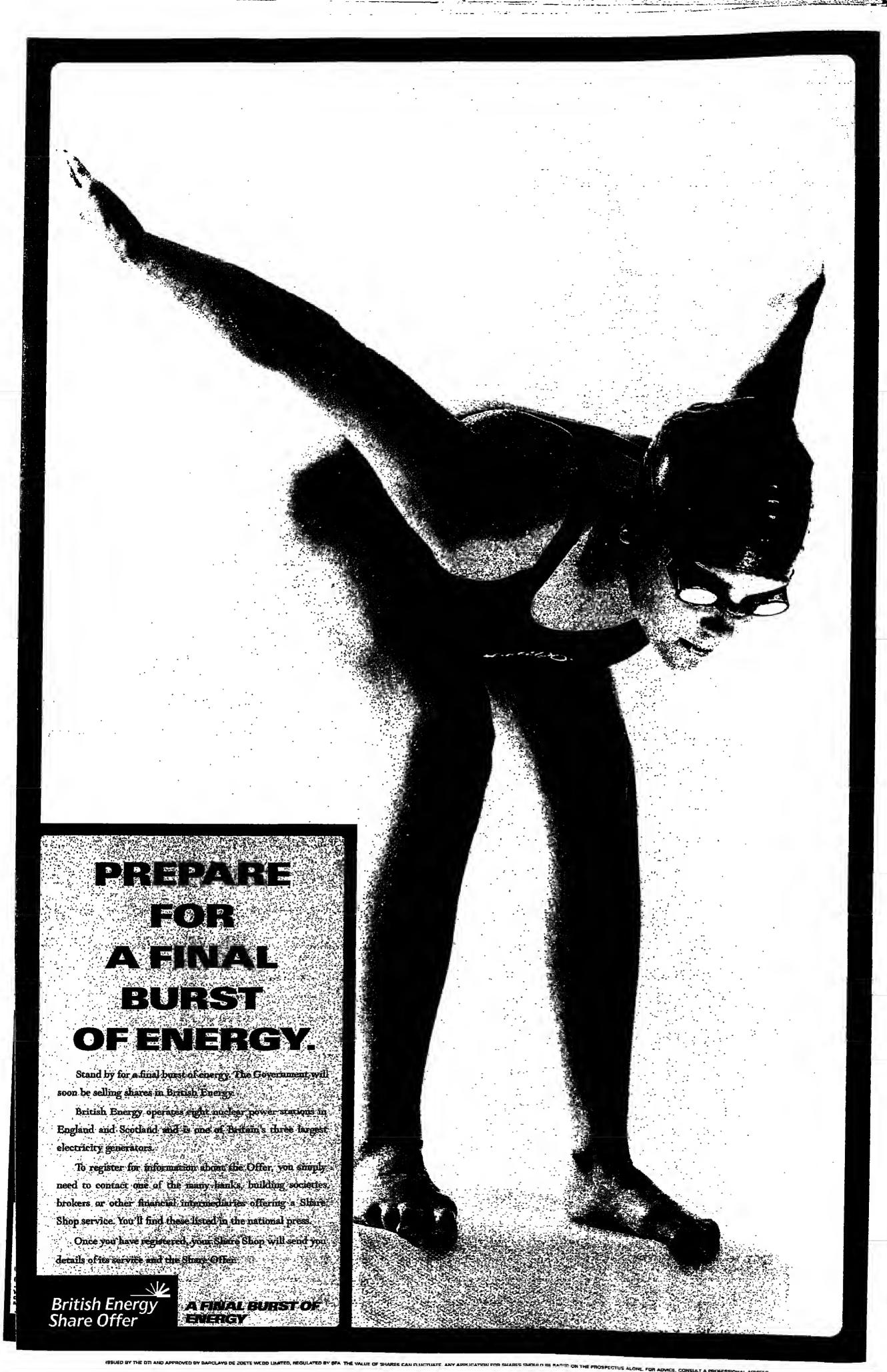
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### Students call for resignation of course director

**DAVID LISTER** 

Students on the Royal College of Art MA photography course yesterday called for the resignation of their course director following an unprecedented number of failures on the course.

As revealed in the Independent last week, more than a quarter of the students on the failed to satisfy the examiners, opening up the debate of to what extent photographs should be seen as art. The external examiner was Michael Collins, a former picture editor of the Daily Telegraph magazine.
As an exhibition of success

ful students' work opened this week, students took their work down from the walls in solidarity with their failed colleagues. And David Hockney, himself a former student at the RCA, visited the show and sent the stu-

dents a message of support.

Hockney wrote to them: "Make your own [diploma]. It will he as meaningful as the RCA's. It's only dentists and accountants who give you confi-

all that too seriously here. I thought your show's very good. Whatever you do, don't let them keep you in after school."

Yesterday the students on the course issued a statement unanimously demanding the resig-nation of Michael Langford, the course director. In their statement the students said: "The rephotography course at the RCA sults of the final examination were entirely unexpected. Students were given no prior no-tice of their impending failure." They called for the resigna-

tion of the director of the pho-tography course and a reassessment for the entire graduating year and validity of the examination procedure. Ironically, some of the failed

students found their work in the catalogue the RCA was handing out to members of the public yesterday. One failed student said: "I have been given no reason at all. I've spent two years working on this and have been given nothing hut encouragement from visiting lecturers and academic staff ..."

countants who give you confidence when you see their Frayling, pro-rector of the Roy-

diplomas on the wall. They take al College of Art, gave his first comments on the dispute. He said: "In the final examinations for photography two stu-dents failed and two students were referred. The two referred students will be re-examined. The two failed students' appeals will be heard. We will look at whether everything was con-ducted correctly, whether there have been any procedural anomalies. But the appeal is strictly not on the work Mr Frayling added: "I don't

see this as an issue of principle at all. It's about individual students. By their work shall they







Four exhibits from the Royal College of Art photography-degree show (clockwise from left) - Lisbon 1995 by Anthony Coleman; Ichiro Kono's untitled image of leaves; Brothers by Jacqueline Pearson; and Traffic Jam by David Berton

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### Dire images and confusion in a show with no art

Can photography be art? Judg-ing by this year's entrants to the Royal College of Art's annual degree show, I think not.

If photography is to be taught at a school of art such as the RCA then art is what should be produced. Referring only to the degree-show catalogue, I am quite frankly appalled at the quality of the final exhibits. If this is the best that can be might I suggest some of the students (and their lecturers) think about another form of employment

Traffic Jam (nice pun) failed, and I am not surprised. The pun is humorous but the image is dire. Perhaps a turn at the Comedy Store.

Lisbon 1995. Also failed. Now I quite like this picture, again a level of humour (sadly lacking in a lot of contemporary photography) but it's not art whether you use an upper or lower case "A". If this photograph had been part of a set on a photo-journalism course, such as at Cardiff or the London College of Printing, it would have passed.

Here we have the problem. The RCA photography degree course is assessed by a former newspaper-picture editor and not someone from an arts back- an editorial-news photographground; so, maybe he is look-ing for "Art" while the students lecturer at the RCA. I regard my are trying for journalistic im-

ages. Confusion for all. The image of leaves, I prepassed. Now, I am hroad-



**Brian Harris** Independent photographer, assesses the RCA's degree exhibits

minded, but please, give me a hreak - pretentious or what? It looks like a wind-on - or should that be a wind-up? - when the camera was loaded with film. Brothers, by Jacqueline Pear-

son, passed and I am pleased for her. A sensitive, dare I say beautiful image which I am sure is sharp in the original because it isn't in the catalogue, or perhaps the softness makes it artistic. In any event, the most charming photo-graphic image in the book.

I feel sad when I see work such as these images exhibited. What a waste of two years. I am work as a craft. But having seen this year's RCA winners and losers I may have to reassess my sume, for there is no title, own work and start wearing a smock and beret.

### 'Saigon' in the wars over lack of misses The West End stage musical town, but they think you're

Miss Saigon has encountered a crisis because the management cannot find any young oriental children for the show, writes

The plot requires a tiny child of oriental appearance to play the role of the four-year-old the rule of the four-year-old what we are going to do. We daughter of a Vietnamese can't cut the child," she said. woman and an American ser-

viceman. The show's management has been alarmed to discover that advertisements in London's Chinatown for stage-struck children to star in the show have

unnerved the local community. "We've had little cards printed and handed out in China-

pimping their children," said the show's children's casting director, Sam Hunter, yesterday. "There's certainly not a great theatre background in these communities. We've had terri-ble difficulties. I don't know Since the show opened in 1989, 40 children from the Viet-

namese, Thai, Chinese and Japanese communities to play the boy. The licensing authorities have ruled that each one may

work only 40 days a year and only two days a week. The show now needs another five children. Despite many searches, it has found only one

Miss Hunter said the show's producer, Sir Cameron Mackintosh, would not consider closing the show

But be would look at lengthening the amount of time each child actor was retained in the musical. Sir Cameron is throwing the

theatre open all day on Saturday week to audition suitable children, who should be ac-compartied by a parent, Miss Hunter said



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#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The £1.5bn sell-off of MoD married quarters - one of the biggest "privatisations" ever - will be finalised after offers from four potential shortlisted purchasers are assessed, the Government confirmed

But the Ministry of Defence has only been guaranteed a £100m share of the proceeds. The rest may disappear into the Treasury "pot of gold", amid widespread speculation that the true purpose of the deal is to create a massive windfall to fund tax cuts.

The plans have outraged servicemen and their families, a number of members of the House of Lords, including Field Marshal Lord Bramall, who called them a

national disgrace", and MPs of all parties.
Under the scheme, the MoD will retain the freehold on the 60,000 married quarter houses on 800 sites across England and Wales, but leases them for 999 years. The MoD's Defence Housing Executive will retain control over the properties for as long as it requires them, and pay rent to the lessee. The Government will therefore get a massive cash injection, while the lessee gets a guaranteed income from a reliable source. The MnD also retains responsibility for maintenance of the properties. Chris Bellamy

one parents may be refused all benefits relating to first-time claims, unless they agree to co-operate with the Child Support Agency, under plans being

And for those already on benefit who adopt an approach of "passive avoidance" and simply refuse to fill in the forms or co-operate at all with the agency, ministers may double the present benefit deduction to (20) a week and make it indefinite

The ideas were bitterly attacked yesterday by the National Conneil for One Parent Families and the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, which told MPs on the Commons social security committee that the first idea would "reduce women with children to destitution for their unwillingness to seek maintenance".
tncreasing deductions would put the welfare of children
"at serious risk", the association added. Nicholas Timmins:

Railtrack faces prosecution if it fails to comply with safety demands to improve the condition of the track outside Euston station, it was warned.

In evidence to the all-party Commons committee on transport, Stan Robertson, chief inspecting officer of the railways, working on behalf of the Health and Safety Executive, said there had been "failures in the Railtrack" system" that led to the track condition deteriorating so. badly that immediate improvements were necessary

Thousands of commuters and long-distance travellers' have faced lengthy delays because of the condition of thetrack in recent months, and in March, the HSE took the rare step of issuing an improvement notice, giving Railtrack a year to carry out the work. Mr Robertson said the HSE was monitoring the situation "regularly but not monthly", an answer which did not appear to satisfy the MPs, who pressed him to be more specific. Christian Wolmar.

Victims' relatives should be legally represented at hearings to decide when murderers are freed from

However, members had not changed their view that the mandatory life sentence should remain for all

The Europe Debate: Were expectations of success for policy of non-cooperation over-optimistic?

### Cabinet struggle to preserve unity

Watching the moves: Key players in the game of beating the ban

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Yesterday's hardline statement by Jacques Santer, the Euro-pean Commission President, that Britain's "absurd" disruption of crucial business had no place in a Uninn based un the rule of law and solidarity, will send tremors through a Cabinet which had, at least temporarily, united around the policy of non-cooperation.

It is not what most ministers claimed to expect and at least one senior Cabinet minister was musing yesterday, before hearing the news from Brussels, that the policy was working well. Not only, the minister insisted, had our European partners well understood the tactic, but it had helped to concentrate minds and stood every chance of leading eventually to the solution Britain wanted, a realistic programme for lifting the beef ban. The calculation, the minister explained, was that at present the strategy was little more than an irritant for our partners; hut they were keenly aware that if it went on until October it would seriously begin to foul up EU husiness. And this the part-

ners were anxious to avoid. That suddenly looks an overoptimistic prognosis. It may be that it will simply lead to a spate of clandestine negotiation which will end – possibly as soon as the Florence summit in three weeks - in a deal. But to understand how the varying ministerial forces will now deploy in response the President's spectacular piece of hrinkmanship, it is necessary first to see how it was arrived at.

It has recently become clear that Alastair Goodlad, the Tory Chief Whip, played a prominent part in ensuring senior ministers signed up to John Major's decision a fortnight ago to embark on non-cooperation.

It was not merely that Mr Goodlad warned the Prime Minister that if Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, went empty handed to announce to uation to Kenneth Clarke, the



Alastair Goodleid, Criter Water Rapidly emerging as a key figure at John Major'a side in the present crisis. Played a critical part in emphasising a forbight ago to Mr. Major and other colleagues the hopessness of allowing Dougas Hogg to be thrown to the wokes with nothing to report except yet another. rebuff in the battle to get the derivatives ban lifted. Especially sensitive to manistreem backbench opinion from Tory shire knights seriously unhappy about the beef ben and the Ministry of. Agriculture's handling of the crisis. Will be protest in advising Mr Major over the

impact of any deal on the Commons.

Street on the morning of 21

May, with senior Cabinet mem-

bers passing in and out of the

room. But the Treasury has made no secret of the fact that

Mr Clarke saw Mr Goodlad as

well as Mr Major before giving

Malcolm Rifland, Foreign Secretary: Although his background is broadly pro-

European, has shown signs of moving towards the Eurosceptic centre of the party - for example, by opposing a single currency. Officials, instinctively wary of bust-ups with the EU, will be agiteting for an early deal with Brussels. But how Rithing responds to their advice will be crucial: Seen by disappointed pro-Europeans as one of a group of ministers - including Stephen Donell and William Waldegrave - reinventing themselves as sceptics with an eye to rightwards party drift after the election. And for Correll and . vociferous recently than Clarke but still

Consistent pro-European-though not a

man to shirk a bust up with the EU when necessary. He was persuaded swiftly a fortnight ago to back strategy but has also repeatedly emphasised it is a temporary tactic to realise an achievable goat. Would not want what Douglas Hurd has called protracted "trench warfare". with Europe. Other strong pro-Europeans such as Sir George Young, John Gummer and Sir Patrick Mayhew likely to take their lead from him. But remember Michael Heseltine - less publicly Rifland, their own chances of leadership. : as instinctively pro-European.



Has rapidly emerged as the leading Cabinet figure on the right in the debate over the future of Europe - even though Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo have in the past been assumed to take harder line than he does. Has serious Eurosceptic street cred as a long-time opponent of a single currency. Has been agitating for some form of constitutional

measure to limit the reach of European law in Britain. Vetoed 10 EU measures, with some relish, on Tuesday in accordance with non-co-operation. Has told friends he wants settlement but is

expected to look at small print carefully.

him to do something as opportunistic; and it may not happen. The other crucial variable emid be the role of Maleolm

Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, His officials are already worried by the impact of non-cooperation on EU foreign policy. Blocking enlargement moves, or monitors for the forthcoming Bosnian elections, appalls some in the Foreign Office. But it does not follow that Mr Rifkind wilt heed their advice. The best bet must be that, de-

spite all the pessimism engendered by Mr Santer's statement vesterday, Mr Major will succeed in forcing through a deal which falls well short of what the fervent Euroscepties might want; and that all but the hardest-line backbenchers will sign up to it with varying degrees of reluctance. But it will be touch and go.

Parliament that Britain had prison, according to the Commons home affairs select failed to lift the beef derivatives committee, which also confirmed its view that the Home ban hut then added doggedly Secretary should no longer play any part in deciding when to release convicted killers. that things were still moving our way, he would be subjected to a mauling by Tory backbenchers. It is also now clear that Mr murders - resisting pleas from the senior indiciary, peers and lawyers for its abolition. Heather Mills Goodlad played some part in underlining the gravity of the sit-

his imprimatur to the strategy. Part of Mr Goodlad's strength in this sort of crisis is that as a Major loyalist and politician with strong pro-European credentials, he can be exonerated of any hint of Eurosceptic posturing. Moreover, colleagues say he was worried not only about Eurosceptic criticism of the Gov-

ernment but about menacing grumblings from some of those mainstream Tory shire knights and others who have big farming constituencies and were unimpressed by the Ministry of Agriculture's handling of the tactic prolonged a moment

Chancellor. There was a sort of crisis: Sir Tom King, Sir Peter running meeting at Downing Hordern, Sir James Spicer and the former Cabinet minister John MacGregor are all said to be in this group.

Mr Goodlad's word, there-

fore, weighed heavily with ministers - and not just Mr Clarke. Moreover, it is not that Mr Clarke has no stomach for a dust up with Europe, whatever his Eurosceptic critics may say. Moreover, he approved the strategy within hours, in contrast to the time it took to convert him to a commitment to a singlecurrency referendum. But he would have been anxious to ensure that the strategy was neoessary, and also to ensure that by agreeing to it he was warding off more potentially selfdestructive options such as withholding EU contributions.

He is also unlikely to want the

longer than it has to be. And in this he no doubt has considerable support within the Cabinet. But here's the rub. For there are several on the right of the Cabinet who could be less inimical to a long-drawnout standoff and certainly would have coun-

tenanced sterner measures.

Take Michael Howard, for example. The Home Secretary has been promoting an explosive little Cabinet paper which would mean amending the 1972 European Communities Act to remove the obligation, and the right, of British courts to enforce European law. Mr Howard pointed out to his colleagues as the crisis built up last month that if enacted quickly that would actually help Britain defy the beef ban - for example by exporting beef to South Africa. A British court would no longer be able to rule against such action.

Against this background Mr Major faces his most testing time if, despite Mr Santer's comments yesterday, the EU finally offers some sort of framework for lifting the beef ban. If he holds out for better terms he risks alienating his Chancellor and his pro-European allies. If he accepts something too "floppy" for the right, he risks fresh strife with the Eurosceptics.

Some senior Tories are warily saying that Labour could have a crucial role at this stage. If Tony Blair were tempted to draft an Opposition motioncontaining, for example, a blanket condemnation of the Government's handling of the beef crisis, Eurosceptic backbenchers angry at what they see as the inadequacy of the deal may be equally tempted to support him. Some senior Labour

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### Blair's top lawyer in backing for Howard

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Judges should keep their tanks off Parliament's lawn, a senior Labour politician declared yesterday. The curt warning to the judiciary to stay out of the political arena was delivered yesterday by Labour's Lord Chancellor-in-waiting, Lord Irvine, as he defended the right of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, to put his controversial sentencing plans before

Lord Irvine's pointed criticism came during a Lords' de-bate on the dangers of "judicial invasion of the legislative turf", which he himself had initiated Senior judges have repeatedly criticised the Howard plans.

However, Lahour hack-benchers on the Home Affairs Select Committee yesterday hacked a bid to remove the Home Secretary's right to set tariffs for murderers serving mandatory life sentences and to decide whether or not they should be released.

Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, pointedly declined to move from his previously held position that the Home Secretary's role should continue, al-though his office said last night that he would study the committee's report carefully.

In the debate, Lord Irvine said judges should not stray beyoud their constitutional role as interpreters of coacted law.

Referring to suggestions by some senior judges - including Lord Woolf, the new Master of the Rolls - that the courts might in exceptional cases hold invalid statutes duly passed by Parliameot, Lord Irvine declared that such an action would and well and working,"

suggest "a judicial invasion of the legislature's turf. "This causes ordinary people not only to think that the judges might have got over and above themselves, but that perhaps they are exercising a political function in judicial review cases instead of simply upholding the rule of law, he said

Setting out Labour's attitude to the judiciary for the first time in the Westminster forum, Lord Irvine also criticised the recent suggestion by the new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, that the courts might feel compelled to act to protect the individual's right to privacy if legislation was not forthcoming. "It sounds to ordinary peo-

ple uncomfortably like a judi-cial threat to legislate." Judges could only do that if there was a "clear community consensus that way. If there is no such consensus, and I am sure there is none, then I say they would seem to be taking sides. The result would be to im-

peril their major asset, their rep-

utation for impartiality." As to Mr Howard's sentencing proposals, they were, as senior judges had declared, "ill-judged", he said "The present Home Secretary gives every impression of playing politics with the administra-

tion of justice. But if Parliament were to legislate for these proposals theo that would be oeither unconstitutional nor prejudicial to the independence of the judi-

ciary," he continued.
"It is only if self-restraint is displayed oo both sides that the public will have confidence that the separation of power is alive

# Blair warned of rebellion on

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Tony Blair was warned by two former Shadow Cabinet members yesterday that he could face trouble from his own backbenchers if a Labour Government tried to push through legislation for reform of the House of Commons.

Roy Hattersley, the former deputy leader, and Gerald Kaufman, the former shadow Foreign Secretary, launched a campaign for "first-past-thepost voting to be retained for Parliamentary and local elec-

tions. Mr Kaufman said: "You have the hizarre possibility of a Labour Party, out of opposition after 18 years, asking its newly elected, victorious, triumphant, and exultant backbenchers to abolish their constituencies, which they have fought very hard to win.

There are some members of the Shadow Cabinet who have voiced their support for proportional representation. I would be interested to know which of them would be willing to give up his seat to Alan Beith. Paddy Ashdown, or Menzies

The clear message to Mr Blair was that many incoming Labour MPs would not vote for outcome of PR."

voting reform any proportional representation Bill under a Labour Govern-

> Mr Kaufman said that if Labour had an overall majority of one after the General Election, introducing proportional representation for the Commons would require 34 Labour MPs to vote for the abolition of their own seats. Every Labour MP added to the majority would be expected to abolish his own scat, Mr Kaufman said.

Some key members of the First Past the Post Group believe a Blair government could he defeated, if it attempted to pass the legislation, through a combination of Labour rebellion and Tory opposition.

Mr Blair has stopped short of embracing electoral reform for the Commons, but Labour is committed to offering a referendum on PR. The group is mounting its campaign now through trades unions and Labour constituencies, to re-

verse the pressure for PR. Mr Hatiersley said that in any system of PR there was domi-

nation by smaller parties.
"I joined the Labour Party to change the nature of society. That objective cannot be achieved by a coalition gov-

### Ashdown attacked on top earners' tax

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

Labour last night accused Paddy Ashdown of using higher taxes as a "virility symbol" after the Liberal Democrat leader proposed tackling poverty by introducing a higher rate of tax of 50p in the pound for

high earners. The proposal to introduce the higher rate for those earning over £100,000 put pressure on Tony Blair to adopt a more radical policy on poverty. But Mike O'Brien, a Labour treasury spokesman, said: "Labour will never impose tax hikes for the sake of it. We have a responsibility to the British people to he

An estimated 750,000 low carners could be lifted out of tax

altogether with £1.1bn raised from the higher tax on about 120,000 taxpayers who earn top salaries. The Liberal Democrat policy on poverty - called a pro-gramme for a "helping hand" echoed Labour's promise of a "hand up, oot a hand out". But Labour has so far refused to commit itself to a higher rate of tax to pay for its plans.

Tory leaders attacked the proposal to raise taxes, but Liberal Democrat sources said their plans were modest compared to Germany (53 per cent on earnings over £27,000) or France (57 per cent on earnings over £27,000). Mr Ashdown said the pledge to raise taxes for those earning over £100,000 was part of his party's strategy of adopting a distinc-

### Britain warns Brussels over 40% cut to fishing fleet



Vanishing world: Fishermen unloading their catch in Newlyn harbour, Cornwall

Photograph: Tom Pilston

Kingdom fishing fleet will is opposed until the Europe: Commission tackles flag-o convenience vessels fishing British waters, the Governme

warned last night. To loud cheers from Tory E. resceptics in the Commons, the Fisheries minister Tony Bald branded proposals to cut the U fleet by up to 40 per cent

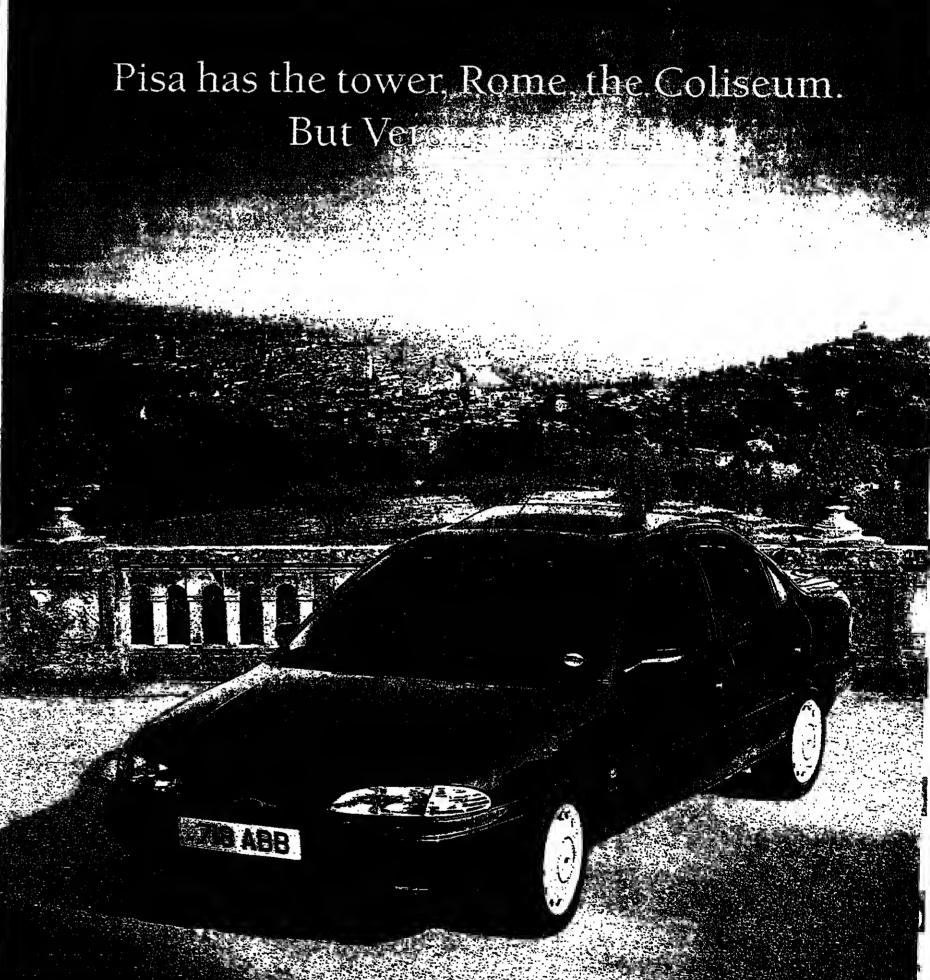
"wholly unacceptable".

He said: "The EC cannot I surprised that the UK fishing i dustry is not and will not be pr pared to contemplate at further substantial reductions the UK lishing fleet until t! commission address, tackle at deal, with the whole issue

quota hoppers."
Until "real and substantic progress was made in tackli quota hoppers, the Gover ment was not ready to agree measures to reduce the UK fis

ing fleet further, he said. The European Fisheri Commissioner Emma Bonisaid last week that cuts of up 40 per cent in the British fis ing fleet might be necessary conserve dwindling fish stock But Mr Baldry stressed I:

night in the dehate on t scheme to decommission fishi vessels that the "crazy situatio where Spanish-owned vess "masqueraded" as British bo and caught fish against the L national quota civild not be lowed to continue.



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### NHS 'rationing' to affect range of treatments

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infertility treatments and a range of cosmetic plastic surgery procedures are becoming less available on the NHS, according to the the latest survey of health authorities

purchasing plans.
Some authorities are oow "teetering oo the edge" of more explicit rationing, proposing for example to exclude the treatment of warts and inpatient traction for acute back pain, the report from the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts showed.

"More commissioners than ever ... are listing procedures that they will oot purchase unless clinical need can be demonstrated", according to the survey by Sharon Redmayne of the University of Bath.

Almost a quarter of author-ities - 20 out of 110, an increase of more than 100 per cent on two years ago - now exclude at least some services unless clinical need can be demonstrated.

The most common exclusion is reversal of sterilisation - a positioo taken by 15 authorities -

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with at least ten refusing to fund sex-change operations, reversul of vasectomy, in-vitro fertilisation, breast augmentation and nose reductions.

But while most of the procedures involve either infertility treatment or cosmetic procedures such as face-lifts. even these "rationed" procedures will usually be performed if a doctor makes an overriding case for them for a particular

patient, the report says.

Some health authorities, however, are "teelering on the edge" of more explicit rationing. North West Anglia is considering excluding wart treatments. North and Mid Hampshire may end inpatient treatments for psychotherapy. chronic fatigue syndrome and complementary medicine.

Some authorities are resisting huying Beta-interferoo, a oew £10,000-a-year drug which reduces the frequency of relapses in some cases of multiple sclerosis, but does not affect the long-term course of the disease. Croydon has said it is unlikely to purchase it

ing on ineffective procedures to boost treatments known to work - for example, reducing X-rays for back pain and some routine Caesarians, and aiming to concentrate on well-proven artificial hips rather than huving more modern, unpriven ones. These changes, however. cannot be termed "rationing" as patients are not denied something from which they would

benefit, the report says.

Many more authorities are now drawing up clinical proto-cols with doctors on how particular conditions should be treated, making clinical effectiveness a key determinant of purchasing decisions.

The report shows that health authorities are getting better at purchasing health care, shifting the emphasis from acute hos-pitals to primary care, but still changing "cautiously and in-crementally".

There is, however, "much experimental innovation as commissioners pilot new ways of organising primary care".

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### Council 'uneasy' about Hamilton

about a boys' club run by Thomas Hamilton, but lacked hard evidence to justify stopping him from hiring premises, the Duo-hlane inquiry heard yesterday.

Douglas Jeffrey, a youth and childreo's work development officer in Edinburgh, was seot to see Hamilton in May 1988. He visited him at a club Hamilton ran at Linlithgow Academy, after a complaint

from a pareot whose soo signed up for, but did not attend one of his summer camps, and who was being pressed for money by Hamilton. Mr Jeffrey told the inquiry in Stirling that he was "uncasy" about Hamilton, who in March

shot dead 16 pupils and their teacher at Dunhlane primary school before killing himself. Based oo his investigation, a

report recommended Hammoo's club be deregistered. but he said yesterday: "We did The inquiry continues.

Council officials had suspicions about a boys' club run by Thom- ... to withdraw the let."

Hamilton's club was discontinued at that venue anyway as the council needed the facilities. Lothian region only stopped the letting for good after finding out that Hamilton was being

investigated by police about an incident at a camp. Hamilton waged a campaign against the policeman who compiled a critical report on the camp at Loch Lomond after

parents complained over con-ditions at the camp, and at the way Hamilton "chastised" the boys, smacking them across the bottom with a table-tennis bat. PC Gunn, who has been exonerated by the inquiry, said he

visited the camp on 20 July 1988. and found conditions poor, and the boys running around without trousers: Hamilton said ieans would get wet as the boys layed on the shore.

#### DAILY POEM

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By Miles Champion

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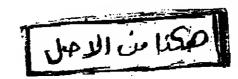
Think of a lump as something always wadded-up.

because I think of you, a sinusoidal pulse, dissolving nodes. Squishy cubes of bickering quanta abut this vegetarian sense of aboutness. You can dissolve a substance, but it only has meaning in a sentence. But bemoaning this fact, like my brain scoots out of me, fast as feeder unts, smells of oranges that absorb all the stars & moon,

reflecting nothing back. Or just a way of, the successive identities taken on, extirpating (explicating) the pleasing fancy which suddenly pitches forward. Froufrou spookery. Language as a way of grabbing hold. An unfamiliar noise – sweet thing – & yet familiar all the same. The pressure of light waves on the eyeball, like an ultrathin cushion, which responds to what can fruitfully be spun.

Miles Champioo was born in Nottingham in 1968 and lives and works in London. He has performed his poetry in the United States and in Britain, participating in the 1995 Cambridge Conference of Contemporary Poetry. Compositional Bonbons Placate, published by Carcanet, is his first collectioo. Champioo's preoccupations are language – as he notes here "a way of grabhing hold" – in its babble, pitch and confusion. For reading out loud.





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**Europe** 

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Europe is getting its act together on defence. The last few days

have seen a series of small steps forward, which is encouraging; but they have also seen a few paces back, and that is just as heartening. First, the steps forward. De-

cisions taken by Nato in Berlin on Monday mean there is a re-alistic possibility that, some time to the future, Europe may

be able to take on defence

tasks that at the moment require

direct US participation. Second, the steps back. Yes-

terday, France and Germany agreed to reassess some of their

co-operative defence projects,

and maybe to open them up to other nations, perhaps includ-ing Britain. This is a decision

driven by money, above all;

the rising cost of some of those

projects, and the pressure on

budgets caused by the shift to European Monetary Union, But it also reflects France's

move back towards the main-

stream of European defence.

There is less need for an ex-

in this area, now that all Euro-

pean states - including Britain

clusive Franco-German alliance

France and Germany: Kohl and Chirac deny alliance is under strain over changing priorities in Paris, but shift their strategy

# transe Britain to share in defence projects

France and Germany vesterday acknowledged that their joint defeoce projects needed to he reassessed, a move that could open up the opportunity for three-way co-operation with

The reassessment reflects growing budgetary strains on both countries, and the impact of recent tensions over defence policy. They have also drafted a joint document on defence strategy to be finalised in six months' time.

The decisions, which follow months of Franco-German tension over France's proposed military and defence reforms, were taken during a meeting of the two countries joint military council which met at the start of yesterday's summit in Dijon between President Jacques Chirac and Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Mititary and defence issues supplied the focus for yesterday's summit, which was presented by

the hatchet after a period in which German officials have questioned France's commitment to joint projects and European co-operation on defence and security generally. A year ago Germany was surprised by Mr Chirae's decision to resume nuclear testing. This was followed by Mr Chirac's announcement to end conscription, and of swingeing armaments

Opening yesterday's summit Mr Chirae said that any misunderstandings that might have arisen no longer existed. Afterwards, however, he said: Frankly, there was never any ill-feeling." He had earlier said that he wanted to "disabuse" journalists that there was any problem in Franco-German relations. "Nothing, I repeat nothing, will ever call this process [the French-German entente] into question," he said, to nods from Chancellor Kohl,

The German leader took a different tack on the question of misunderstandings, acknowledging that "sometimes we have



Crest of a wave: President Jacques Chirac (left) and Chancellor Helmut Kohl arriving at the summit in Dijon yesterday

together and talk about them, as one would with one's children, wife or friends. Why should anyone think that there should be no differences between us? But he insisted that Mr Chirac had told him of France's defence plans early on "in a friendly and

arms projects, Mr Chirac said that no project was in question, although some might be staged over a longer period. This appeared to be a reference to the Tigre helicopter programme, for which France has delayed and

On the subject of hilateral His assurances, however, seemed to be limited to projects that are strictly hilateral, and would not affect the Future Large Aircraft project, from which France said it was withdrawing because it could no longer afford to participate.

whether the planned review of the "so-called Franco-German joint projects would include

When Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, visited France on Monday, he revealed that France and Germany had agreed to admit and strings than was at first

arms agency", However, Mr Portillo acknowledged that there were still difficulties over Britain's membership, disclosing the existenee of "more conditions

- accept the need for a European defence and security identity, however defined, and now France is heading back into Nato's military structures. Oddly enough, Britain finds itself well placed in this complex

series of manoeuvres. Even Michael Portillo sounds sensible when discussiog European defence (at least when he is not at the Conservative Party confereoce). He said on Mooday in Paris that Britain might join the Franco-German arms procurement ageocy.

The British view has always

been that European defence can be huilt only from the bottom up, oot by constructing grand concepts. Both the new Nato thinking and greater co-operatioo on procurement are signs that on this subject, at least, Europe is moving in our directioo.

**Andrew Marshall** 

### French swim into hot water with synchronised Holocaust

IAN PHILLIPS

For most people, synchronised swimming is an innocuous sport, which involves young womeo gesticulating and smiling madly in the middle of a swimming pool. But now, the French Olympic team have brought a darker side to the sport with a move which has caused outrage in France. Of all the themes they could

Holocaust, For four minutes in an Atlanta pool this summer, they will act out a routine, which depicts the rise of Nazism and the horrors of the Second

Fortunately, the eight swimmoustaches or jack boots. Nor

have chosen for their Olympic around the edge of the Olympic was "a bit surprised" when he first programme, they have rather controversially plumped for the enacting the arrival of Jews in French Championships in concentration camps to songs from the electos and the theme music of Schindler's List. "I chose this theme because

it allows us to convey emotions," says national trainer, Odile Petit. "After all, our sport mers on the national team will is one of expressioo." However, oot be donning either Hitlerian even the president of the French Swimming Federation, Francis will they be goose-stepping. Luyce, acknowledges that he

Amiens in March. "I heard a few comments from the audieoce which showed the programme was not unanimously appreciat-ed," he said. "I understand that this is a sensitive subject, but it is not meant to be a provocation."

Naturally, the idea of an aquatic Shoah has not good down well with everyone. One spectator was led to express his "profound revolt" after watching the programme. "How great was my amazement wheo I discovered half a dozeo young girls wearing caps and nosepegs, swimming around in the sweet blue water of a swimming pool, simulating the sorting out of deportees as they got off trains at the entrance to Nazi camps," he wrote to the French Swimming Federation. "You have accomplished the most advanced act

Ms Petit does not see what all the fuss is about "The Duchesnays skated a programme which represented forture in Chilc," she said of the French skating stars. "This theme of the Holocaust is closer to us and affects us more. Our message is an appeal to fight against racism. If we had chosen to evoke the circus, there would have been oo problem, but we would not have been able to express ourselves with so

have upset judges. Two weeks ago at the Europeao Cup, the French beat the Russians for the first time in seven years. This may be because the audience did not understand what was going on. The symbols are not obvious to understand," admits Ms Petit. "Swimmers ... who were oot aware of the theme, did oot know what it was about." Maybe it's not that expressive

The theme does not seem to



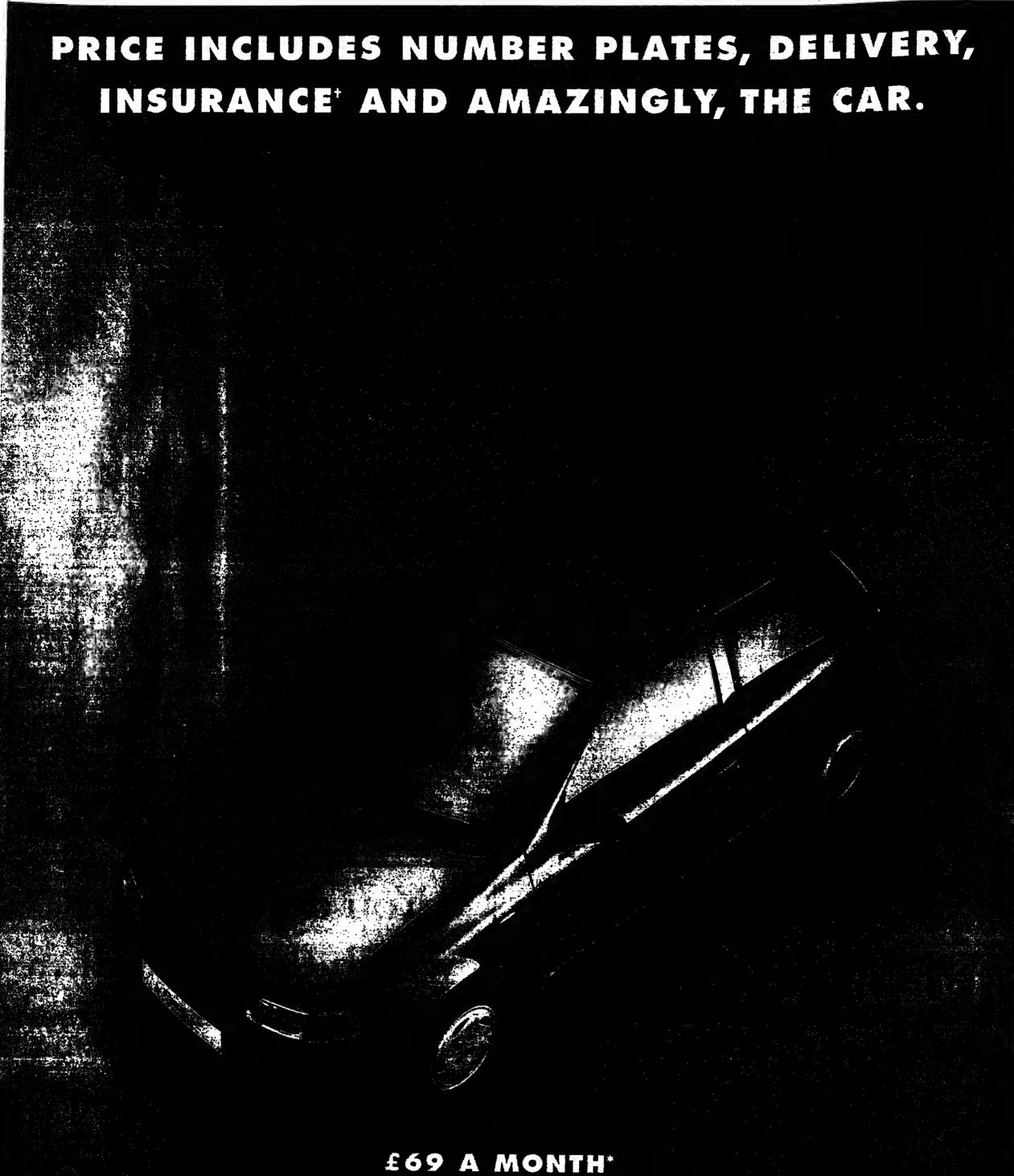
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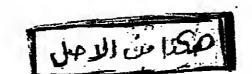
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Sitting on the lawn of Rafiq Harin's Beirut mansion, it all sounded so simple. If Bibi Netanyahu orders Israeli occupalion soldiers out of southern Lebanon, the Hizbollah can be disarmed. "If Mr Netanyahu wants to change his image and the impression he gave during the election campaign, he will withdraw from Lebanon with no conditions," the Lebaoese Prime Minister said, the equation so mathematical as it floated over the perfectly cut lawn. Then Lebanon will be able to assure security in the south."

If only it was that easy. What the apparently moderate Shimon Peres couldn't do, the right-wing Mr Netanyahu might do. Was this oot the Begin syndrome again, the idea that the more hawkish the Israelis, the easier they will find it to make concessions to the Arabs?

But Mr Hariri is shrewder than that and, sitting in his garden chair, the hammering of recoostruction baogiog away behind the trees in west Beirut, he seemed to have few illusions.

"From our side, we doo't differeotiate between Peres and Netanyahu - and you shouldn't forget that a few weeks ago, it was Peres who was bombing civilians in Lebanon ... I didn't believe at all that Peres would

Lebanon's Prime Minister tells Robert Fisk he will disarm Hizbollah in exchange for Israeli withdrawal

me that it was 50/50." Like most Middle East leaders, Mr Hariri watched the election oo television and he watched the Peres never contradict Syria and that performance closely. "The way Syria's favourites sit in cabinet he was acting during the elec-tion campaign made me think with Mr Hariri. They fear that Israel may soon strike again at Lebanon and that Syria's 22,000 it would be very difficult for him to win. It may be the [April] war in Lebanon played a role [in Peres's defeat]. He looked like troops in the country will no more be able to protect them next time than they could in he was inconsistent in his ideas on peace. He talked about ce and he made war. He 'If Netanyahu killed civilians and he went to

Paris and talked about toler-

ance. I think many Israelis were

confused. They heard Peres

talking about peace and watched him make war. On the

other hand, they saw another

man who was young and new ...

I saw on TV many normal Is-

raeli people are afraid of the fu-ture, afraid of how Israel will be

governed and the future of the

peace process. I saw young and

middle-aged people talking about uncertainty."

withdraws from Lebanon, peace can take place'

April. But the billionaire Prime Minister, whose personal investment in Lebanon's post-civil war reconstruction includes a 10-per-cent shareholding in the company rebuilding Beirut's city centre, believes Lebanoo has been innoculated against Israeli bombardments.

Doubt is oot something Mr Hariri is prepared to contemplate about Lebanon, a senti-"The last [Israeli] aggression showed that Lebanoo is meot which may oot be shared immune enough to function oormally after 16 days of boming in the ocarest to a Western-

style democracy that exists in the Arab world, the Lebanese know militarily strong like Israel. We that their government must are trying to rebuild, to develop our country, to build schools and hospitals.

Nations can rehuild even

when they are partly occupied, Mr Hariri said. "Part of Syria has been occupied since 1967 and they have a development programme. Jordan and Egypt had part of their countries occupied for many years. But that doesn't mean life stopped. Germany was divided until a few years ago and from the point of view of the west Germans, a big part of it was occupied. But they still continued developing their

But then, what has happened to the 27 April ceasefire? Had not four Israeli soldiers beeo killed since the election? Had oot the Israelis bombed a Hizbollah base near Baalbek?

"The attack by the resistance (sic) against Israeli soldiers in the occupied territory [of ebanon] is oot a violatioo of the April understanding. But what the Israeli armed forces did in Baalbek ... was a violation - they chose a target very far from the battlefield."

The Americans have argued that if Hizbollah were disarmed. Israel would leave Lchanon alone. Mr Hariri sits forward with impatience. "Are they going to leave Lebanon? Why are they occupying part of our country in the first place? I don't know why. Maybe they want to use this occupation in the peace negotiations ... It all depends on Israel If Mr Netanyahu decides to withdraw from Lebanon and Syria, the peace

cao take place at any time." But Mr Netanyahu has stat-ed he will not withdraw from the Golan Heights. "So it means he doesn't want peace." Mr Harin responds bleakly. "No peace will take place without a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golao Heights."
So what of President Bill

Clintoo who failed to condemn the civiliao slaughter io Lebanon last April, who supported Israel's claim that the bloodbath was provoked by Hizbollah? Mr Hariri chooses his words carefully. "The United States is an essential part of the peace process ... we would like to see the US play the role of an honest broker. If it does this, peace can be achieved." He coocluded: "He should have condemned the massacre at Qana, because oobody can jus-tify the massacre of innocents."



Rafiq Hariri (right) with Nabih Berri, the speaker of Lebanon's parliament. The hillionaire Prime Minister has a big personal stake in the rebuilding of Beirut

### Nigerians vent anger over murder of Abiola's wife

MATTHEW TOSTEVIN

Lagos - Thousands of Nigerians demonstrated yesterday against the killing of the wife of detained presideotial claimant Chief Moshood Abiola, which an opposition alliance called a political assassinatioo.

Kudirat Abiola assassinated" was the headline in the National Concord, a oewspaper belonging to Mr Abiola, as the family prepared to bury his wife, a 44-year-old business-

The university in the western city of Ibadan was closed after police had stopped students from leading several thousand people in protest. Fifty students demonstrated against the government at Mr Abiola's sprawling Lagos mansion as preparations began for the atternoon bunal.

"Enough is enough, and the government should be ready to kill all of us," said Bopoola Kayode, president of the polytechnic students' union.

Mrs Abiola, the senior of Abiola's several wives, was shot in the head at close range by unidentified gunmen as her car passed aloog a Lagos street oo Tuesday. Her driver was also

Victims of the upsurge in political violence



sis by the annulment of the 1993 elections, the number of dilings with no apparent motive of theft has usen shaply.

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Affred Rewatte died from a single: builet to the heart. Police blamed armed tobbers, despite specuhad other motives.
February 1996: Alex Ibru, the publisher of Nigers Steading Independent newspaper, survived.

wing on a Lagos street. A shad-owy group claimed responsibility. saying the shooting was to pro-tect the interest of Nigeria's riorthem rules.

director of administration at the central bank, was shot dead at his tagos home. A week earlier, he had escaped another attempt on his life. The same month, Rear-Admiral Olu Omotekirwa, a retired naval officer, was killed at his thome, also in Lagos.

June 1996: Kudirat Abiola (plotured left) was killer by a gunstion to the beating as

National Concord did not the The letter said: "It is with , president based on the results their London office, also branded Mrs Abiola's murder a po-

litical assassination. Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, yesterday sent a letter of condolence to Mr Abiola's family, along with a high-powered delegation led by the chief of army staff, Major General Ishaya Bamaiyi, and including eight govern-

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speculate further on the killers' . 'great shock that I received the motives but exiled members of news ... the federal governthe main opposition coalition, ment will do everything within the National Democratic Coalities power to unravel the mys-

> ter said. Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation with well over100 million people, has been in crisis since former military rulers annulled a June 1993 election deemed to have been woo by Mr Abiola. The millionaire businessman has been detained on treason charges in the capital, Abuja, since June 1994 when he proclaimed himself

of the ampelled poll.

Mrs Abiola was a prominent figure in the campaign for an immediate restoration of band's release and install him as president.

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# Outrage at the Black Virgin's dark past

PHIL DAVISON
Latin America Correspondent

On 12 December t531, according to Catholic historians, an event occurred on a Mexican hilltop which changed the face of the Americas. Or did it?

Occur, that is. The question is rocking Latin America.

The Catholic abbot in charge of one of Latin America's holiest shrines, the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City, promised to resign yesterday after implying that a peasant's 1531 vision of the "Black Virgin of Guadalupe" may have been

a con by the conquistadores.

It has been said before, particularly by Protestant preachers, but this was the guardian of the renowned Basilica, to which millions of Roman Catholics make pilgrimages every year, often approaching for hundreds of yards on their knees to show their devotion to the Black Virgin, Mexico's patron saint. Believers were outraged.

Abot Guillermo Schulemberg. 81, appointed to the post directly by the Pope in 1963, insists he maintains his faith in the Virgin and was questioning only the historical existence of Juan Diego, the Indian said to have had the vision. But that still caused uproar among Catholics who revere Juan Diego, beatified by Pope John Paul in 1990 during a visit to the Basilica.

"It's like an American doubting the existence of Ahraham Lincoln," said one Mexican.

The abbot is to give his resignation to the Pope in October.
Some Mexicans believe the abbot has been "set up" by rival archhishops in a power struggle over the Basilica's huge

income. A Mexican weekly news magazine, *Proceso*, recently published photographs of luxury houses Abbot Schulemberg reportedly owns in Mexico City, and noted that he had a taste for expensive cars.

Church sources say the abbot had hoped to create a separate diocese for the Basilica, which currently has a large degree of financial autonomy hut which falls within the diocese of Mexico City. The city's archbishop, Norberto Rivera, might prefer to take complete control of the Basilica. Catholic pilgrims donate millions of dollars to the shrine annually.

Basilica priests deny it, but

Basilica priests deny it, hut many Mexicans helieve the Basilica takes a cut of the profits from countless Black Virgin trinkets and portraits sold by vendors outside the shrine.

Vendor earn up to 500 pesos (£45) a day – more than 20 times the minimum wage.

the minimum wage.

Other Mexicans hlame the country's president, Ernesto Zedillo, for stoking the controversy as a distraction from his government's social, political and economie prohlems.

It was on December 12, 1531, a decade after the conquest by Cortes, that the humble Indian peasant, visiting the ancient Aztec shrine to the Goddess Tonantzin (Mother God) outside Tenochtidan (Mexico City), reputedly had a vision of a "Black virgin" with the face of an Indian. Whether by choice or force the historians do not specify, but the Indian man had already adopted a Spanish

name, Juan Diego.
Miraculously, after a decade
of failing to win over local hearts
and minds, the Spaniards had



The Black Virgin of Guadalupe: An Indian peasant's vision, or a conquistadores' con trick? Mary Evans Picture Library

found the perfect catalyst to fuse the Indians' paganism with the cult of the Virgin Mary. Converting the natives, after all, had been the original mison d'être of the conquest ordered by Spain's Catholic kings. But the first dozen Franciscan friars sent out as missionaries in 1524 had struggled to communicate with Indians, who spoke over a hundred languages and worshipped

the Sun, Moon and other gods.
The cult of the Black Virgin
of Guadalupe spread through
South America, speeding the
conquest and creating the
unique mix of Catholicism with
pagan undertones that is still

very much in evidence today.
The Black Virgin was traditionally carried into battles on banners. Now she dangles from taxi drivers' rear view mirrors. Pilgrims buy Black Virgin table lamps and Black Virgin soap.
The abbot's controversial

theory is not new and was re-

portedly known by other church

leaders for years.

The scandal broke when Abbot Schulemberg was quoted in the Italian magazine 30 Giorni (30 Days) last month. "Juan Diego is more of a symbol than a reality," he said. Right or wrong, the abbot seems to have lost the battle with believers.

European defence: Security fears grow in countries bordering Russian

### East faces division over membership of Alliance

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

An emerging deal with Russia to allow a limited expansion of Nato into central and eastern Europe runs the risk of dividing the region into winners and losers. Countries that stand to gain include the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, which are the most likely candidates for early Nato membership; while countries whose security problems may increase if the deal goes through include the Baltie states and Ukraine.

According to some Nato officials, Russia's Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, indicated to alliance leaders in Berlin on Tuesday that the Kremin would not resist Nato's expansion provided that nuclear weapons and Western military bases and troops were not hrought into new memberstates. Such states would, however, enjoy the full collective security guarantee that comes with Nato membership.

with Nato membership.
Publicly, Nato says there is no deal with Russia and that the terms of membership are a matter exclusively for Nato's 16 national governments and the candidate countries. However, Nato officials acknowledge that it is unrealistic to address such an important security issue without taking Russian concerns into account.

Although Nato is reductant to name the countries that will be admitted first, there appears to be a tacit understanding with Russia that they will be the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and possibly Slovakia. This is because, broadly speaking, they lie some distance from Russia's frontiers and are seen as successful young democracies with strong Western historical and cultural traditions.

Poland shares a border with the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, but the danger of a Nato-Russian confrontation in this area would be reduced if there were an understanding not to base Nato armies in Poland. A question mark hangs Kathingrad enclave-Russia ATINIA Unated soon Russiar Belanus

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LOSERS IN THE RACE FOR NATO

over Slovakia's entry into Nato because the US and European Union are dissatisfied with the quality of Slovak democracy.

Even if Moscow has reluctantly accepted that the Czechs, Hungarians and Poles will join Nato, the Russians are unlikely to let the alliance get off scotfree. For one thing, Nato's expansion would render redundant the 1990 Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty, which was based on European military and political arrangements that would no

longer exist.

Nato recognises the need for some changes to the CFE treaty, but if it lapsed altogether Russia could see a chance to rearm and redouble its efforts at turning the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), made of up all former Soviet republics except the Baltic states, into a military alliance. Russia might also refuse to ratify the Start-2 treaty on reducing interconti-

nental nuclear weapons.

According to Russian defence sources, Nato's enlargement could cause Russia to target new member states with tactical nuclear weapons. One Polish scenario anticipates ex-

tra Russian forces in neighbouring Belarus and nuclear weapons on Russian submarines in the Baltic Sea.

Even a cautious Nato expansion into central Europe is unlikely therefore to be trouble-free. But much greater problems could arise for countries excluded from the first stage of enlargement, especially Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

This was made clear in a report by the Moscow-based Council on Foreign and Defence Policy, an independent institute with broadly liberal or centrist political views. Even these moderate Russians warned that Nato enlargement into central Europe "implies turning the Baltic states and possibly Ukraine into a zone of

bitter strategic rivalry".

Although committed to the Baltie states' independence, which was extinguished by Stalin in 1940 and restored in 1991, many Western governments privately regard the three countries as unsuitable candidates for Nate.

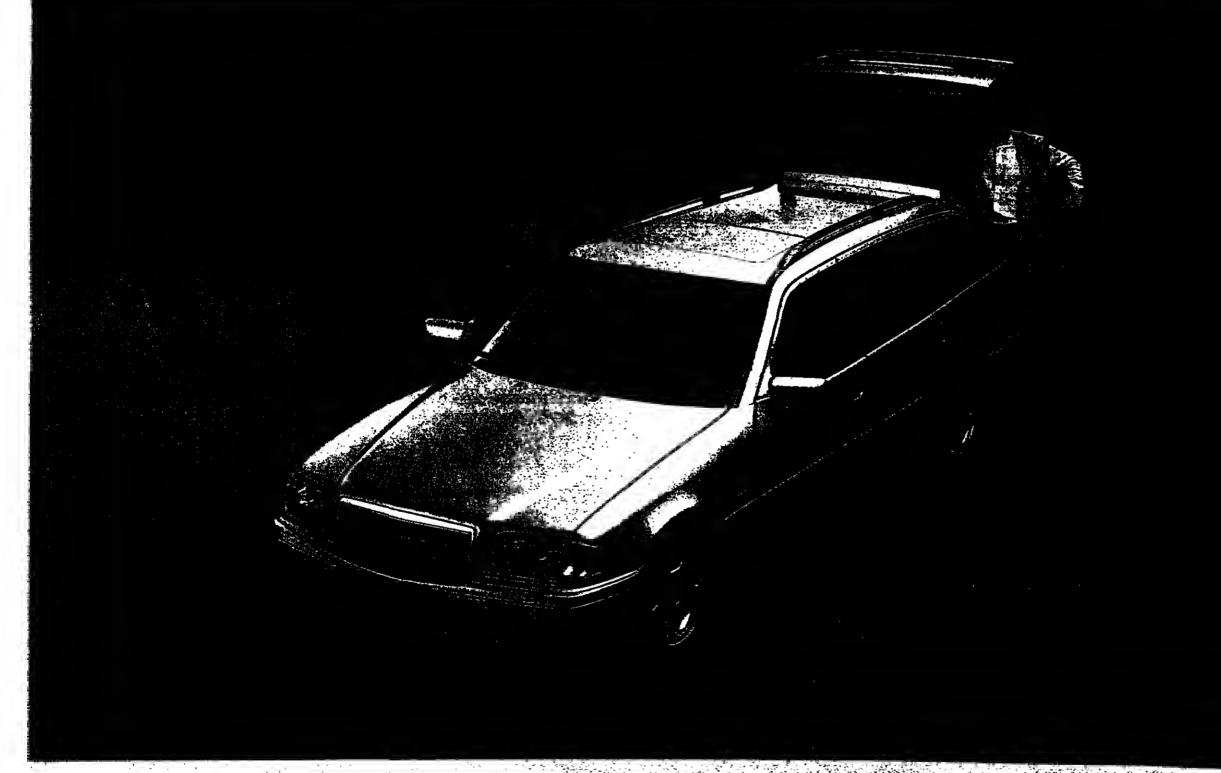
Despite their desperation to join, they are seen as so small and close to Russia that they are virtually impossible to defend.

Moreover, Estonia and Latvis in particular have difficult relations with Russia, partly because both contain large ethnis Russian minorities.

Yet Western states, especially the Nordic countries, do not wish Moscow to gain the interession that Natu is indiffered to the fate of the Baltic state. A US think-tank, the Raid Corporation, has proposed the three countries enhance their stability by strengthenic security ties with Nordic state and joining the EU.

However, the inescaped fact is that such steps wouldn't give the Baltie states the collective security guarantee that it the most precious element of Nato membership. As for Ukraine, Nato's expansion up to its borders would put it under Russian pressure to join a common CIS defence, sumething the Ukrainians are keen to avoid

Ukrainians are keen to avoid.
Limited Nato enlargement may pose problems for Bulgariand Romania. Russia views that part of the Balkans as an are of traditional influence, and President Boris Yeltsin recents outraged Bulgarians by gesting their country might have the CIS.



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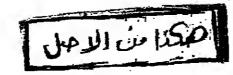
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lashpoint: Forest fires by the shore of Birch Lake, north of Anchorage, Alaska. By yesterday, the blaze had consumed more than 6,000 tinder-dry acres. Up to 1,000 people had een evacuated from their homes, although between 50 and 100 were destroyed. The estimated cost of the damage was at least \$28m Photograph: Stephen Nowers

### Redneck keeps the Klan fire burning

Children under 18 must be acimpanied by an adult," says ie sign outside the old Echo heatre in Laurens, but risque iovies are not the feature ataction. If only they were, wish ost inhahitants of this small it God-fearing town in the entle hills of South Carolina's p Country. At the Echo these sys, the fare is not so much Xited as Triple-K. Where once и picked up popcorn, you can w buy memorabilia of the Ku

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It is three months since John oward, a Klansman of 30 ears, opened the Redneck 10p in the Echo's former yer, to raise money for what planned as the the world's first a single other customer ap-KK museum. A range of marial is on offer, from Sassy outh T-shirts (the Confederate ig accompanied by the inription, "If you don't like my The Redneck Shop plainly

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flag you can kiss my rebel ass,") to ones that are hlatantly offensive: "The KKK is getting higger. Am't you glad von're not a nigger." Embossed KKK knives go for \$26.50 (£17). There are old signs from seg-regation times warning "No Does Negroes Mexicans" and Dogs, Negroes, Mexicans," and portraits of luminaries such as General Nathan Forrest, the Klan's first Wizard in 1866, and William Joseph Simmons, organiser of the Klan's first revival in 1915.

Business may be slow - not peared when I was there this week. But a town has been tranmatised, and old wounds of the South have been re-opened.

serves as an enlistment centre for the Klan. Most chilling of all. a caller to the number printed on the shop's business cards is met by a KKK recruiting message, spewing abuse at "nigger hordes" who want to "breed with your beautiful young

daughters" to produce a race of

"welfare recipient mongrels".

Whatever else though, Mr Howard is not a quitter. He has endured demonstrations by the dozen; even Jesse Jackson has come to Laurens to protest. In late March a driver deliberately crashed his van into the store, wrecking the windows and causing \$9,800 of damage, but Mr Howard was back in business the same afternoon. For fear of a his account, but still his doors re-Mr Howard does not, how-

ever, take kindly to the media. "I don't make no statements." he snarled at me from behind the counter. "I want nothing to do with journalists, not one of them ever printed nothing but lies about me." His argument is that warts and all, the Klan is a part of the Southern history. And if Louis Farrakhan is allowed to rail against whites and Jews, why cannot he run a souvenir shop?

The old Ku Klux Klan of losophy lives on. course is dead. Blacks have the vote and schools are integrated. Across the South, blacks serve in police forces which once were Klan accomplices, and civil liberties groups keep permanent watch on right-wing hate movements. Probably only a few

longing to organisations with names like the Invisible Empire and the International Keystone Order of the KKK, in which Howard holds the rank of Grand Dragon. Compare that to 5 million members at the KKK's height in the 1920s, or even the 100,000 active Klansmen during its last renaissance, between the Supreme Court desegregation ruling of 1954 and the civil rights legislation of the mid-1960s. But if the Wizards, Cyclops and Dragons have scat-tered to the winds, their phi-

South Carolina has led the recent spate of arson attacks against black churches across the old Confederacy - in one of which an arrested suspect was a few weeks ago, when he still carrying a Klan membership card. As a growing number of militia movements attests, white boycott the local bank has closed thousand Klansmen are left, be-supremacism is anything but

dead. At about the time as Mr Howard started business, Americans were appalled by a videotape of a white South Carolina state trooper cursing and beat-ing a hlack female motorist he had stopped for speeding.

And now the Redneck Shop and museum, summoning a past which the oldest can still remember - of church burnings and lynchings, of hlazing crosses and bands of hooded, whiterobed horsemen roaming the fields by night, terrorising the hlack population. But Mr Howard is not apologising. "The only people I've had problems with, who took it as an insult and a racial situation have been hlacks," he told Time magazine gave interviews, "I didn't know that blacks were so prejudiced."

Rupert Cornwell

#### **SIGNIFICANT SHORTS**

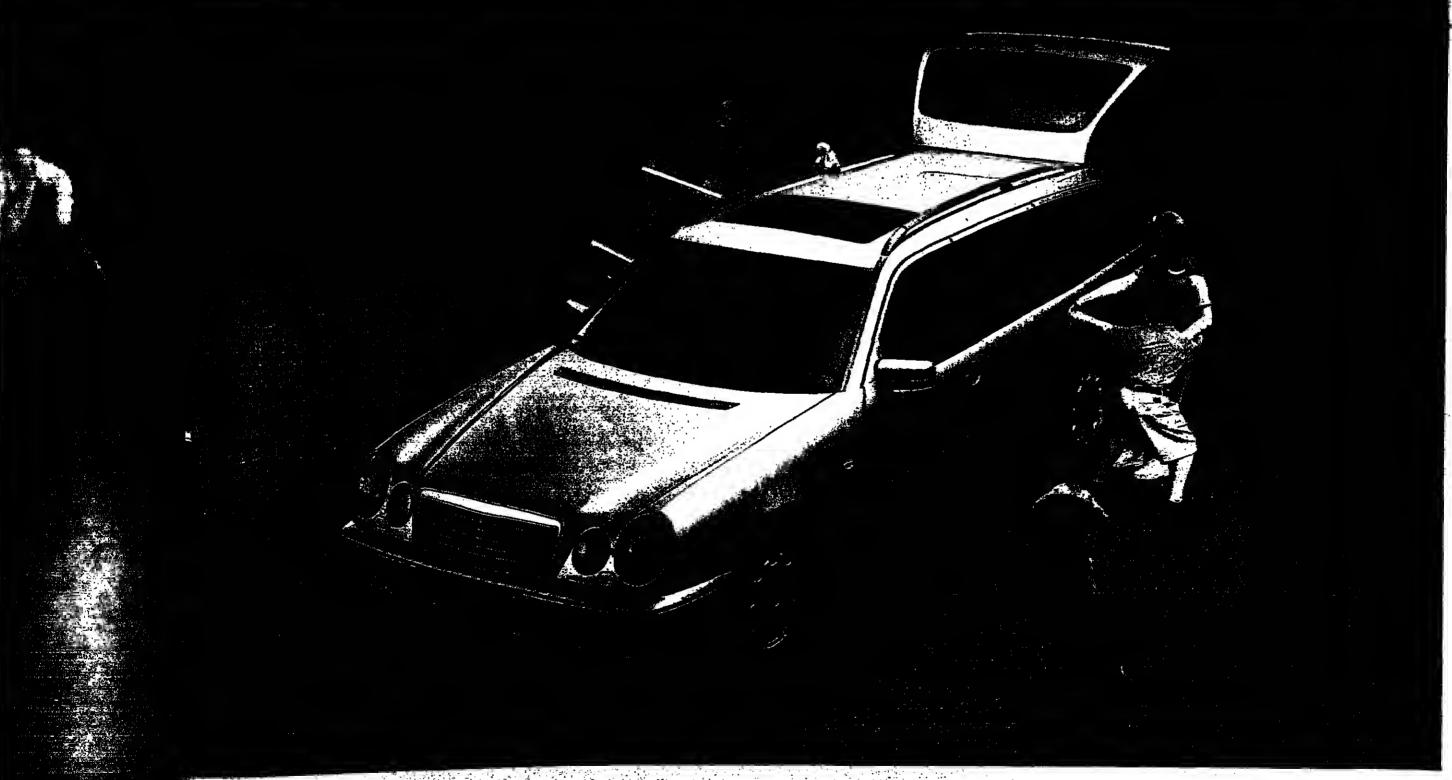
President Clinton has chosen Admiral Jay Johnson, 50, as the new chief of naval operations, succeeding Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, who committed suicide three weeks ago amid controversy over whether he was entitled to wear Vietnam combat pins in his uniform decoration. Admiral Johnson's nomination as the navy's senior uniformed official is expected to be welcomed within the force, whose morale has been shaken by standals and misfortunes. Even so, his confirmation by the Senate could fall foul of election-season manocuvring. The challenges facing Admiral Johnson are numerous, ranging from after-effects of the 1991 Tailbook Scandal to mysterious crashes of the Navy's F-14 plane and cheating and drug scandals at the Aanapotis academy. Report Cornwell - Washington

One of the parties in the Turkish ruling coalition decided to support a no-confidence vote, dooming the government of Mesut Yilmaz. If his government falls after Saturday's vote, it could open the way for a pro-Islamic party to take power. Deputies of the centre-right True Path Party decided to vote against their own government after attacks by Yilmaz supporters on their leader, the former prime minister Tansu Ciller, Meanwhile, Parliament voted to investigate the sources of Mrs Ciller's personal wealth. The motion, brought by the pro-Islamic Welfare Party, was also supported by Mr Yilmaz's Motherland. AP - Ankara

The former tennis star life Nastase is planning to to switch tactics in politics with the same alacrity he showed on court in his attempt to become mayor of Bucharest. Mr Nastase, who has avoided public debate with rivals and who is apparently trailing after the first round of voting, has agreed to discuss the issues on television with the other remaining candidate. Results were not in four days after Sunday's election but statements from Mr Nastase's camp the governing Social Democracy Party - and the main opposition alliance indicated the flamboyant ex-termis star was behind a sober trade unionist who made n virtue of his modest lifestyle. AP - Bucharest

The right-winger Binyamin Netanyahu was officially declared winner of Israel's election for prime minister after the High Court rejected a challenge that could have forced a re-vote. The Central Elections Committee confirmed results announced on Friday showing he narrowly beat Shimon Peres. The court was asked to rule that hlank ballots among 148,681 voided last week should have been counted as valid. Had they been added to those legally cast, neither Mr Netanyahu nor Mr Peres would have won more than half the votes and a second round of voting would have been necessary. Reuter - Jerusalem

Forecan police arrested 22 people after a riot in the northern city of Tangier where hundreds of people set fire to one bank and ransacked another. The riot coincided with a general strike, which paralysed much of the country's economic activity. Witnesses said that the Societe Generale des Banques du Maroc branch was gutted in the fire in a poor district of Bni Makada in Tangier, which was hit by serious rioting in December 1990 during another general strike. The rioters reportedly said their action was a protest against the government's social policy. It was the first general strike since 1990, when 44 people were killed in riots. Reuter -



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### Stephen Jones

London art world's brightest and most energetic figures; a scholar and aesthete certainly, but also an artistic administrator of no ordinary ability and a great fixer, one who knew how the world worked and who took a constant delight in bringing together the right people to make the things that he cared about happen.

Jones's real interests lay within the grand traditions of English taste and connoisseurship. and all of his professional life was devoted, in one way or another, to the care of our cultural heritage and the promotion of the arts.

He was born in London to parents who were both teachers. But it was at Camhridge, where he came under the in-fluence of dons such as David Watkin and, in particular, Malcolm Burgess, that he formed many of the passions that would shape his life and career. As a prominent member of Magdalene's artistic and theatrical set, he had already begun to develop particular enthusiasms that embraced not only English 18th-century classical architec-ture, opera and contemporary dance, or the work of Victorian novelists such as Heary James, but also, more specifically, the deep interest in English 19th-century painting of the Aesthetic period that would remain the central focus of all his subsequent activities.

After brief spells in the old Education Department of the Victoria and Albert Museum. where he laid the seeds of his later suavely brilliant and entertaining lecturing style, and as

Stephen Jones was one of the an editorial assistant to the irascihle Denys Sutton on Apollo, he was appointed curator of Gainsborough's House in Sudbury. During the two years that he served there, he made the gallery, and also himself, prominent features of the intellectual and artistic landscape of Suffolk, staging exhibitions that ranged from the work of Peter Blake and the Brotherbood of Ruralists to onc devoted to the patronage of Frederick, Prince of Wales, hased on a great deal of original research.

In 1981, Jones arrived in London to become the curator of Leighton House in Kensington, the role with which many will most readily associate him. He found the dusty shrine to the great 19th-century academic painter both poorly cared for and sadly neglected: this changed rapidly. With tremendous energy, but guided too by rigorous schol-arship, he set about a full-scale restoration of the house, putting it firmly on the map of artistic

London in the process.

With the backing of the museum's Friends and the belp of the architect Ian Grant, the interiors were carefully coaxed hack to life, wallpapers and silks were conserved or meticulously copied, and correct lighting installed to hring hack the 19th-century feel of the place. Once again the house be-came Lord Leighton's "Palace of Art", hut also through a scintillating programme of exhihitions, lectures and more social events, Leighton House

during the years of Jones's cu-

ratorship attained an extraor-

ties, fashion shoots or the making of videos as much as for more conventional art-world events. Jones, always at heart the utterly serious and professional academic, took great delight in the tale of his chance encounter with an old acquaintance who, upon being told that he was running Leighton House, replied "Oh yes, I heard; it's a sort of night-

cluh isn't it." Following Leighton House, in 1989 Stephen Jones moved to the National Art Collections Fund as the editor of all its publications. Working there closely with the fund's then director, Sir Peter Wakefield, he developed the NACF's Art Quarterhy into a stylish and highly readable journal. Moreover, as Wakefield recalls, "It was a great period of expansion for the fund, and we all came to realise the immense value of Stephen's fertile hrain in every area of our activity."
Then, almost five years ago

to the day, Jones was appointed Director of Spencer House. This was an immensely demanding role, for this was by no means simply another house-museum, hut rather the cultural flagship of the vast mercantile empire of that contemporary Maecenas, Jacoh Rothschild Jones rose to the challenge with customary energy and éclat, earning Lord Rothschild's praise for "the quite remarkable way in which he combined a commercial hard-headedness in running the business side of things with an extraordinary taste and sensitivity to the house

combination of skills is extremely rare, and marked Jones as one of the exceptional figures of his generation. "It is tragic," says Rothschild, "that be did not live to go on to even greater things, for he could surely have run one of our great museums with both imagination and

No one who came into contact with Jones could have failed quickly to become aware of the intelligence and erudition that informed everything he undertook, nor of his fastidious requirement that anything with which he was involved should be carried out with style and to exacting standards. This integrity was brought to bear in many areas of his activities, not least perhaps in those spheres, such as the Victorian Society, the Walpole Committee and the Ar-chitectural Advisory Board of the World Monument Fund, in which he took an interest and played an influential part. From time to time, lones

found time to write. He fre-quently contributed articles and reviews to Country Life and to other journals and newspapers, whilst his short but lucid study The Eighteenth Century, published some 15 years ago in the Cambridge Introduction to Art History series, continues to be reprinted in more than a dozen languages. His greatest academic achievement however was the part he played in curating and cataloguing the major Fred-eric Leighton centenary exhibition earlier this year, a project planned for 10 years, but completed only months before his death from cancer. Along with his friends and fellow Leighton

scholars Richard and Leonée Ormond, Jones had played a crucial role in raising the sponsorship and persuading the initially reluctant Royal Academy to stage the show. It proved in the event an aesthetic triumph, filling the rooms of Burlington House with Leighton's vast, heady canvases in their magnificent gilt architectural frames.

Those who knew Stephen Jones well will value most his great gift for friendship, and recall with pleasure his brilliant conversation, enlivened by the sparkling thrusts of a rapiersharp wit and by a gift for mimicry of both speech and mannerism that could reduce his hearers to helpless tears of mirth. Always fond of parties. he loved the fact that he shared his birthday, 24 September, with that great wit of the 18th century Horace Walpole, to celebrate his 40th birthday, with characteristic stylishness and liberality, Stephen Jones gave a great dinner at Walpole's Gothick house, Strawberry Hill. No setting could have proved more apt for an aesthete of rare sensibility, and one who, in Walpole's celehrated phrase, contrived always to "inform, entertain and innovate".

Stephen Calloway

Stephen Richard Jones, art historian and museum curator; born London 24 September 1954: Curator, Gainsborough's House, Sudbury 1979-81; Curator, Leighton House, Kensington 1981-89; Editor of Publications, National Art Collections Fund 1989-91; Director, Spencer House, London 1991-96: died



#### Phil Bernstein

For over 60 years Phil Bernstein provided the tragedies, comedies and romances of the Yiddish Theatre in Britain with their common and essential element: the distinctive music.

His association began in the 1920s as a violinist at the Pavilion Theatre in Whitechapel, east London, under the musical director Ferdinand Staub. In 1936 he became first violinist at the Jewish National Theatre in Adler Street under the musical directorship of Isidore Berman (the founder of the Jewish Male

My father, the actor Yidel Goldberg, was the unwitting instrument of his next appointment: while waiting to make his entrance on stage he realised that he had absent-mindedly forgotten to bring with him the overcoat needed for the next act. He looked around and saw a good Crombie hanging up. He tried it on, found it fitted and made his elegant entrance. In the pit an astonished Berman saw Goldberg come on in a very familiar coat - his own. At the

haton for the rest of the performance.

Bernstein took over the post of musical director permanently. This accidental promotion lasted some five years until 1941, when he was appointed musical director at the most famous Yiddish theatre in London, the Grand Palais in the Commerical Road, where he remained

During the course of his extended career he collaborated with all the great actor-managers of Yiddish Theatre including Madame Fanny Waxman, Meier Tzelniker and the American Maurice Schwartz, for whom in 1935 he had been musical director for a season at the Phoenix Theatre in the

trade, his father insisted on his early age with the well-known Bernstein had to assume the apparent and his father's bar the 1920s, and when sound was pire they shared the bill with the tion in a variety talent show precedentedly popular with enced artistes with amused and died London 31 May 1936.

Berman never returned and

for the next 30 years.

West End of London.

Phil Bernstein's parents were immigrant Jews from Russia, and he was born in Mile End in 1910. Reluctant to see his son follow him into the tailoring taking music lessons from a very

mitzvah present to him was introduced recorded the musithe violin he played and cherished for the rest of his life. In 1941 he married Anna, the acpartnership which lasted until formed his own musical come- punchline. Bernstein's death.

During the 1930s his ventures which performed music and

Meier Tzelniker (left), Anna Tzelniker (right) and Yidel Goldberg in The King from Lampeduse, 1944. Bernstein wrote the music cal soundtracks for many films dy band, the Four Chassidim,

comedian Ted Ray, who was so enchanted with their antics including Land Without Dreams he pleaded to be allowed to (1936), starring Richard Tanber. join them with a contribution of tress daughter of Meier Tzel- in which he is clearly visible as his own. The Four Chassidim niker. Their life together was first violinist in the orchestra. were delighted to oblige, mirrored by their professional Together with three friends he teaching a joke with a Yiddish

called Bryan Michie and his Discoveries. Among the "Discoveries" were a young Eric Bartholomew (Eric Morecambe) and Ernie Wise.

Meanwhile, Yiddish theatre in London continued to flourpunchline. ish during the war. Throughout most of 1944 audiences at the ond World War Berustein Grand Palais were thrilled by

which received extraordinary notices in the national press. It starred both Tzelnikers, but it was Bernstein's music which set everybody's feet tapping. The 1930s and 1940s saw the

both Jews and non-Jews and

arrival in Britain of many new Yiddish actors, refugees from Nazi persecution on the Continent. Their heads were full of the music and songs from home but having barely escaped with the clothes they stood up in they usually had nothing written down. They would sing what they knew to Bernstein, who would transcribe and orchestrate it for performance, thus saving for posterity much ma-terial which might otherwise have been lost.

As a violinist Phil Bernstein was exceptional. His bow could convey all the traditional merriment as well as the sweet poignancy of Jewish music without ever descending into the vulgarity of schmaltz. During his decades as musical director he gently encouraged young talent. But he also quietly watched the musical director; born London 23 end of the act he stormed out local teacher Victor Vorzanger. wide ned in scope. He had sketches all over London. Durof the theatre in a fury and Phil's talent was immediately played for the silent cinema in ing a week at the Mile End Emhis band. They toured the nahis b

affectionate tolerance. It was this cool observation which turned him into a charming raconteur with a wicked line in back-stage ancedotes. After the Grand Palais finally

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closed its doors as a Yiddish Theatre in 1970, the company took to the road, traveiling to venues all over the country to bring Yiddish plays and concerts to ever-loyal audiences. Bernstein continued to support his adored wife, Anna, and her dwindling band of colleagues with his unique music well into the 1990s. In later years he was joined by their daughter Ricky. an accomplished planist.

This rotund, smiling, kindly man was fortunate in that throughout his life he was able, to combine his two great loves, his music and his family, of whom he was immensely proud. Until he became ill last November he still practised his violin every day.

Philip Bernstein, musician and

#### Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gillmore

A. D. ("Peter") Gillmore lived through the age of the most dramatic developments in military

He graduated from the RAF College at Cranwell in 1925. from one of its earliest courses, and was posted in succession to Nos 13 and 208 Squadrons. Both were army co-operation and reconnaissance squadrons. fulfilling what was then still regarded as the primary role of the Royal Air Force.

ment. Gillmore was to prove sufficiently expert to be ap-pointed in 1931 to an instructorship at the School of Air Pilotage, at Calshot in the So-

At that time the Service was maritime matters, with flying going through a number of boats and naval co-operation. In dangerously exaggerated cuts the Second World War he had and savage economics, just as his first operational command it is today. Professional skills had at Wick in Scotland, then the to be honed on out-dated air- home of an anti-shipping wing; craft and with ancient equip- and on his return as an air com-

modore to the Air Ministry in 1943 he fought a hard and suc-

cessful battle to preserve and extend this essential RAF activity. Perhans his two most interlent, specialising in navigation. esting and telling appointments
He was largely involved in were in later years as ComForce in 1953.

At Bracknell he succeeded the much-admired and respected Sir Donald Hardman, impressive good looks who drove a lordly pre-war Lagon-da. Peter Gillmore, who was slightly built and as bald as him as instruct Robertson Hare (whom some at that time.

mandant of the Royal Air Force said he resembled), arrived to Staff College at Bracknell in take over driving a second-1951 and then as Senior Air hand Morris Minor, but to Staff Officer of the Far East Air those serving under him there was no sense of let-down - or if there was it was short-lived.

Gillmore was a man of clear and decisive mind, a ready and an officer of great stature and entertaining speaker and of great personal charm and kindness. He left many happy memories with those who served with him as instructors or as students

again in his next appointment. which coincided with heavy involvement of the Far East Air Force with the "emergency", the prolonged and arduous campaign against the Malayan Communist terrorists. The flexibility and mobility provided to the Army were a telling commitment to eventual victory, al-

though the air staff under

Gillmore had to admit that the offensive effectiveness of the

He needed these qualities RAF was disappointing and of Thamesfield, from 1991 to gain in his next appointment, much limited by the jungle. 1994 Head of the Diplomatic hich coincided with heavy in-Gillmore carried a heavy workload with skill and cheerfulness and won the respect and affection of inter-service colleagues.

After one further command at home (many were surprised that he was not promoted further) Gillmore retired in 1959 his wife and family of three sons, one of whom is Lord Gillmore 27 May 1996.

Service. Many will join them in regretting the departure of a kindly and able man.

Christopher Foxley-Norris Alan David (Peter) Gillmore, air force officer: born 17 October 1905; Senior Air Staff Officer. Home Command 1956-59; marto the West Country, where he lived a full and active life with ried 1931 Kathleen Morris (three

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

#### **DEATHS**

HANSCOMBE: Derek, former training officer USPG, died peacefully on 3 June. Puneral at St Michael's Church. Madeley, Telford, on 13 June at 11.45. Donations to Shropshire and Mid-Wates Hospice. Thanksgiving Service at the College of the Ascertion, Selly Oak, on 2 July at 6pm.

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#### National Gallery: Christopher Bak-

cr. "Late Greats (I): late Rembrandt, 'that ooble brush oeed not ask for anyooc's praise' ", Ipm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Francis Pugh, "The Great Exhibition

and mid-Victorian Design\*, 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Dave Batchelor, "Gerhard Richter", Ipm. British Museum: David Shulman.

"Tamil Temple Myths", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Dr Jeanne Cannizzo, "David Livingstone Series: Livingstone and his collections".

Lelcester University: Nicky Best, "Modelling Crimplexity Using BUGS: philosophy and practice". 4.30pm.

RIBA Architecture Centre, London W1: Paul Smith, "The Pulse of a City: streets ahead - London, shopping capital of the world, 6.30pm

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

#### Mr A. G. Allan and Miss E. M. Granger

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr Julian Alian and Mrs Jan Alian, and Emily, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Granger.

#### Mr M. D. Chisholm and Dr P. W. South

The engagement is announced be-tween Malcolm, son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Chisholm, of Woking, Surrey, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.D. South, of Wimbledon, Mr G. M. Rogers and Dr C. Mowbray

#### The engagement is announced be-tween Gideon, soo of John and Olive Rogers, and Christina, daughter of John and Shirley Mowbray.

Birthdays King Albert II of the Belgians, 62; Sir Derek Alun-Jones, former executive chairman, Ferranti International. 63; Sir Isaiah Berlin, former President, the British Academy, 87; Pro-fessor Brebis Hleaney, physicist, 81; Mr David Blunkett MP, 49; Mr Björn Borg, tennis player, 40; Lord Carrington, director and former chairman, Christie's International, 77; Mr David Chipp, former director, Reuter Foundation, 69; Dame Ninette de Valois, founder of the Royal Ballet, 98; Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 39; Lord Gladwin of Clee, former trade union leader, 66; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 74; Pro-

fessor Robert Humphreys, Latin-American historian, 89; Mr Asif Iqbal, former Pakistan crickel captain, 53: Mr J. Kay-Mouat, former president of the Alderney States, 63; Lord Kings Norton, Chancellor, Cranfield Institute of Technology, 94; Cranteid institute of technology, 94; Mr Tim Llewellyn, radio news reporter, 56; Mr Willie-John McBride, rugby player, 56; Sir Jonathan Mance, High Court judge, 53; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, for-mer MP, 65; Sir Douglas Morpeth, former portner, Touche Ross & Co, 72; Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman, Peitich Luited Provident Association British United Provident Association, 64; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 64; Air Marsial Sir Charles Pringle, 77; Dr Ruth Sanger, former director, MRC Blood Group Unit, 78; Lord Stodart of Leaston, former govern-ment minister, 80; Mr Klaus Tennstedt, Conductor Laureate, LPO, 70; Mr Frank Tyson, former England cricketer, 66; Miss Billie Whitelaw, actress, 64; Sir Donald Wilson, chair-

Anthority, 74.

Anniversaries Births: Diego Rodríguez da Silva y Velázquez, painter, baptised 1599; Captain Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer, t868; Thomas Mann, novelist, 1875. Deaths: Carl Gustav Jung, psychiatrist, 1961; Jean Paul Getty, oil magnate, 1976. On this day: the Allied invasion of Normandy took place - D-Day, 1944; Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong-Jones in Westminster Abbey, 1960. Today is Corpus Christi and the Feast Day of St Ceratius or Cerase, SI Claud of Besançon, St Eustorgius II of Milan, St Gudwal or Gurval. St Jariath, St Norbert and St Philip the

man, North West Regional Health

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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The Queen attends a garden purty at Bagshot Park, Surrey, to mark the bicenteany of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department. The Duke of Edinburgh, President, City and Guilds of London Institute, presents the 1996 City and Guilds O'London Institute, presents the 1996 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Brouze Medals at Buckingham Palace, and attends a buncheou at the Connaught Hotel, London SW; and as President, attends a reception held to welcome delegates to the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth's Seventeenth Bleenial Conference at St James's Palace. The Princers Royal attends Founder's Day, Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3, as Reviewing Officers as President, British Kaliling and Cothing Export Council, attends a Luncheou at the Landmark London Hotel, London NW1: and as President, Royal Yactsing Association, attends the "Suil for Gold" Ball at the London Hillon Hotel, London W1: The Duke of Glaucester, Honorary Colonel, Royal Monanouthabire Royal Engineers (Militis), attends in Regimental Centenary Celebrations at Monmouth Caste and attends a Concert in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund at Wyastone Loya, Monmouth, Gwent. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (ASBAH) attends a Conference to mark the 30th Anniversary of ASBAH at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. London SW1: and takes the salute at the Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Household Division on House Gunds, London SW1: The Duke of Kest, Patron, Bletchley Park Trust, switches on the Colosus cryptographic computery. Retethely Park, Bletchley, as Visitor, altends a locture to eclebrate the S0th anniversary of the founding of Crantifield University, Crantifield: and opens the ness Technology Centre of Fuji Phote Film, Bedford, Prince Michael of Kest unvells a stapue of Field Marshal Montgomery in Colleville Montgomery, Norunveile a statue of Field Masshal Mon-gomery in Colleville Montgomery. Nor-mandy, on behalf of the Normandy Veterans

Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regineed mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, I lam; Nijmogen Company Grenadier Guards mounts the Omen's Guard, at Buckingham Patace, 11.30am, band provided by the Irish Guards.

### Nadir surety need not forfeit recognisance

ex parte Guney; HL (Lord Goff Tullichettle, Lord Sivan of Hadley, Lord Steyn and Lord Hoffmann) 9 May 1996

A defendant surrendered to the custody of the Crown Court when, in response to being told to do so, he attended a preparatory bearing and pleaded to an arraignment. From then on his detention or bail was a matter for the trial judge. Any earlier arrangements as to bail at that point ceased to ap-ply and a recognisance entered into as a condition thereof could no longer be forfeited if the defendant later absconded.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the Seri-ous Fraud Office and affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeal (Law Report, 2 February 1995; [1995] 1 WLR 576) allowing an appeal by Ramadam Guney against the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Law Report, 10 Fehruary 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 438) refusing judicial review of the order of Mr Justice Tuckey, on 30 July 1993, that Mr Guney, who had stood surety for Asil

#### LAW REPORT

£650,000 or serve two years' imprisonment in default of payment, following Mr Nadir's abscondence on 4 May 1993.
On 22 June 1992, Mr Nadir, who was to be tried for a num-

ber of offences of theft and false accounting, appeared before the Central Criminal Court (sitting in a room at Chichester Rents) for a preparatory hearing of the type held in complex fraud cases, pursuant to sections 7 to 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987. Section 8(2) provided that arraignment should take place at such a hearing.

There was no dock in the room so Mr Nadir simply stood up. He was formally arraigned and pleaded not guilty to the charges put to him. At no stage during the hearing was any reference made to Mr Nadir's bail. The fact that Mr Guney was not present to agree to any extension of his recognisance caused counsel for both sides to agree that it was unnecessary for Mr fendant involved calling him to Nadir to surrender to the cus-Nadir in the sum of £1m when tody of the court on this occa-

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### December 1990, should forfeit their agreement effectively

kept Mr Guney's recognisance m force. The judge was not informed of this arrangement. Robert Owen QC, David Calvert-Smith and Simon Browne-Wilkinson (SFO) for the appellant; Edmund Lawson QC and Russell Houston (Eaim Todner) for Mr Guney.

Lord Steyn said the duty of a defendant who had been granted hail by the magistrates was to surrender to the custody of the court at the required time and place and, depending on arrangements at various trial centres, he might be required to report to a particular office or official: see DPP v Richards [1988] QB 701 at 711.

What happened when the defendant, although present at the court hearing, was not officially required to surrender but was formally arraigned? Did he remain on hail after arraignment until the judge ordered otherwise?

The arraignment of a dethe bar by name, reading the mdictment to him and asking him the latter was granted bail in sion. Both counsel believed whether he pleaded guilty or

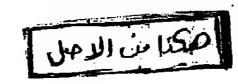
who had not previously surrendered to custody was so arraigned, he surrendered to the custody of the court. His further detention was solcly within the discretion and power of the judge. Therefore unless the judge granted bail the de-fendant remained in custody pending and during his trial.

Given the express provisions of section 8 of the 1987 Act, the trial began with a preparatory hearing and arraignment took place at the start of the hearing.

Since arraignment operated in law as a surrender to custody. the judge might not in law abdicate his responsibility in re-spect of the defendant's custody. He could not deprive an arraignment of its legal effect. Not, a fortiori, could an agreement between the parties divest an arraignment of its effect on

Whatever might mistakenly have been thought and done in the past, the rule was that, where a defendant had not previously surrendered to custody, his arraignment amounted in all cases as a matter of low to such surrender.

Paul Magrath, Barrister



### the leader page

# We must start planning for an urban future

Te don't, in Britain, think much about cities. At the interna-tional Habitat conference taking place this week in Istanbul, there is by contrast big and exciting talk about the urban future - why such once uncontrollable cities as Calcutta and Sao Paulo have calmed down; what impact wiring and electronic communications will have on the mental life of cities; how cities are to be sustained, and their voracious needs contained.

None the less, there are UK cities that think big. Glasgow, the former European City of Culture, has come to define itself as a mecca for arts tourists. Birmingham and Manchester celebrate their multiple personalities as regional capitals and, increasingly, European metropoles. Birmingham may not quite be a city charmed by music, but what prouder symbol of transformation is there than a world-class orchestra created by Sir Simon Rattle.

Thanks to Symphony Hall, parts of central Birmingham have become newly desirable – for that hard-to-define population of younger people and the pizza-deliverers and club-owners who cater to them. Flats are being bought and rented; housing associations and private developers are sizing up opportunities. The flight from the centre starts to reverse itself. If there is a lesson, it is not about "planning" in the sense of a government man with a map. It is about the creation of opportunities -

commercial and cultural, intertwinedthat have a prospect of being realised in their natural urban environment.

There is a delightful serendipity in the way that cultural development spins off economic and housing development. That is not at all the same as saying, leave it to the market. Markets don't normally build symphony orchestras. What has been happening in Birmingham owes a lot to the determination and consistency of the city council. Public money matters. The imagination of city leaders (public and private) also matters.

What Birmingham's example says is that we need to revise our conception of planning. What government can do is lay down frameworks within which marketled development can take its own course; private interest can be bent to public purpose. This is the model of planning needed as we follow the Environment Secretary John Gummer's advice of yesterday and start to think about where housing is going to go to contain the huge growth in household numbers projected by his officials. Mr Gummer, too, could benefit from some advice.

He must not blind himself, let alone us, with overly precise figures about the growth of this or that kind of household. We cannot forecast precisely how society will adapt to changed expectations, because households are artificial constructs. There is clearly a dynamic relationship between the avail-

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willingness to leave their parents, get divorced, set up on their own. Fewer houses and flats is likely to mean fewer households. We must not think "concealed" households - lodgers, adult children living at home, latter-day communes - are necessarily bad things.

And some of the projections appear innocent of economics. Unless house prices rise significantly faster, developers simply will not huild. The market is going to have to signal a good deal more energetically than it does now that household demand is rising. That said, space will have to be

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ability of homes to live in and people's found for more homes. That does not entail some great renaissance of Planning, with a capital, dirigiste P. In some quarters there is talk of new garden cities and huge infrastructure schemes. But they would require the rehirth of Big Government, and where is the mandate for that? Stevenage and Crawley and most of the other New Towns worked. Government showed itself able to create value by developing empty land and selling it, to householders and industry. But that was then. Government now has to go with the

flow of private development.

One government duty is to ensure

That means making it easier for private landlords to let while subsidising social landlords. Imaginative local authorities have cut deals with developers that reserve land for housing associations. Government financial rules should make these easier not barder.

Planning is essentially a local matter. It is for local authorities to zone and developers and their customers to identify sites for building. Central government is the court of appeal. If planning pressures are going to grow, Mr Gummer and his successor would be well advised to streamline the process of inspection and final judgement.

Also, there is a proper national concern for greenery, in the form of green belts and the like. But beyond this, we can afford a much more relaxed attitude towards bousing development elsewhere in the "country" than the Council for the Protection of Rural England would have us believe.

Finally, government must attend to the South-east. This is and will remain the site of greatest tension between demand, supply and the desire of the haves to keep others out. Here is where Mr Gummer has shown himself unfit. The Tories are captive to their past experience with the Greater London Council. They cannot see that there is no solution to planning disputes in the South-east - London's hinterland

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that the supply of housing affordable by those on lower incomes is kept up.

- without London's interest being given voice and weight. Ministers cannot ventriloquise that voice. Something vital goes missing if London is not involved in the debates about transport, or about infilling "brown" city land. Mr Gummer said yesterday he wants to start a dehate about where the housing for the new households is to go. Let him end the Tory obduracy on how the London conurbation is governed. Let him start thinking city.

#### Queen of American hearts

What is it with Americans? A for-eign princess flies in and they treat her as it she were one of the Fab Four. It's clear why some on this side of the Atlantic have cheered the Princess of Wales so heartily. She has helped the monarchy face up to the modern world, which is good for our country and

extremely entertaining in the process. But why US Di-Fever? This is a woman who calls herself "Qucen of Hearts," and who poses for photos at a child's heart transplant op. Her life and conversation are therapy-enriched. Hug-ging is her cure-all. She is famous for being famous... Hmm. Perhaps it's no surprise that Americans are welcoming her. She's becoming one of them.

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### **How Britain** can shape a future **Europe** Sir. The last word in your excellent essay on Britain and Europe (3

June) is the most important and potent. That word is "confederacy". It is good and encouraging that a national newspaper now understands the case for - indeed, says it will raise the standard for - a confederate Europe. As you also point out, we have

always been deeply involved in Europe. "Pulling ont" is a meaningless concept. As for the cry that we are "bad Europeans", not only have we spent more blood and sweat keeping Europe free, and saving it from European nation, but we are today far the best performer when it comes to putting in place the single market regulations and observing them.
So all that is lacking is the

confidence to shape an enlarged Europe as the decentralised confederation of nation states most nf its people long for it to be. We cannot do that alone hat we can work with the countries of Central Europe and Scandinavia, as well as with the feelings of millions of German, French, Spanish and Italian people, to achieve that kind of settled European system, with delegated power at the centre arefully circumscribed, in place of he restless and outdated visions of he federalists. DAVID HOWELL, MP Guildford, Con)

louse of Commons ondon SW1

The writer is chairman of the oreign Affairs Select Committee

ir: Because I believe in the byereignty of the people, I bave een an ardent internationalist and ractitioner in European coperation for 40 years. It is for iese very reasons that I oppose te treaties. Supporters of the uropean movement say they do at want a "federal Europe". Of nurse not, for the treaties do not rovide it. Instead, they have ready created a more rigid ritary political structure than any deration.

Taken together, the treaties orm a proto-constitution, which e central institutions, but also quires them and the member ates to pursue a specific political ogramme. The "no frontier". ntrally controlled market in ery conceivable commodity, and eir related conditions, require ntinuing and compulsory mpetition between peoples, was, cities and regions, thus king enmity. This system poses limits on the means of sing, and options on spending, tional taxation. Simultaneously ives wide scope to central thority for the distribution of gesse from automatic, v reasingly harmonised and ently collected revenues. Common economic and world nmercial policies are now lowed by that for foreign and

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treaties have eliminated electoral sovereignty over vast areas of

egislative and financial policy. Unfortunately the means adopted to deliver a democratic, peaceful, harmonious and secure Europe for the next century and beyond are not only likely to have the opposite effects, but they also risk the destruction of those very freedoms which the Second World War was fought to defend and secure. NIGEL SPEARING MP (Newham South, Lab) House of Commons London SWI

Sir. This letter is from a "morally wrong and intellectually disgraceful" reader who read your long editorial today ("Britain and Europe: a proposal", 3 June). In reality I found I could agree

with virtually the entire article apart from the libel on myself. The first section was an excellent summary of our shared historical backgrounds which, as you rightly wrote, even Euro-sceptics acknowledge. But how do we get from there to European political union? Because lots of English and French and Germans like Beethoven does it mean we should have a single currency? I don't see

the connection. You say that the "anti-European crusaders" would also claim to be Europe-lovers but that, in reality, they are xenophobes. Well, this one speaks French and Spanish and is married to a foreigner. I even speak Spanish at home. And what does the rest of the article say? It says that political

union would not be democratic,

that it would foster violence, that

you are against a single currency, that the European project has

mystery from the start, that the CAP should be abolished, that nations should retain border checks, that social policy should not go to the centre. Now, if I were in say that I would no doubt be loftily dismissed as a xenophobic little-Englander. reasoned suggestions for reform.

been shrouded in deliberate

There is only one snag with your Nothing like such a possibility is on the table. Our partners would never agree to them. So where does that leave us?

The conclusion seems clear to me - shall I send yon a membership application form for the UK Independence Party? PETER GARDNER UK Independence Party

Sir: I would caution you on your idea of what would constitute a democratic Europe. In your Europe of government leaders, where are the elections? Where is

the voice of the people? Far better to give the European Parliament equal legislative power with the Council, and a reater role in appointing and holding to account the Commission. What the people of Europe are used to is parliamentary democracy, where divisions can be on political rather than on purely national lines. The elections to the European Parliament are then the opportunity to resolve debates on a Europe-wide scale, providing a

popular mandate for the difficult

This is the federalist visinn of

decisions that surely lie ahead.

Europe: a Europe for everyhody, not just for politicians. RICHARD LAMING Director, Federal Union

Sir: May I add a gloss to Andreas Whittam Smith's article (4 June)? am hy conviction as well as statute a citizen of Europe. I am, by ties of sentiment and blood, a Scot. I am also, by accident of birth, a subject of HM Elizabeth II, head of a state called the United Kingdom. It seems, sadly, that the last of these is becoming less and less compatible with the other two. R G BAIRD

#### Science must not sell its integrity

Sir. Professor Chris Adams (Letters, 3 June) uses highsounding language to support a wrong-headed argument. Research in some branches of science is very expensive, and funding there will mevitably come mainly from government and industry.

Politicians and industrialists naturally tend to look for quick and fairly certain henefits, while undervaluing or ignoring more speculative outcomes, which may eventually he far more beneficial. There needs to be (and sometimes is) an arms-length relation between scientist and funder, so that scientific imagination and inventiveness is not too tightly shackled. Professor Adams writes hlithely of scientists using "real

world problems" - I bave yet to meet a scientist who was not firmly rooted in the real world.

It does not do to claim that

test: in science, market forces are notoriously an inadequate and biased criterion. The benefits of applied science are far too unpredictable and quixotic to be essed in economic terms – except with hindsight. As for the promised benefits to scientists (better financial rewards, and other goodies), many scientists known to me (I am retired, and so disinterested) would gladly give up a little financial reward in return for better protection of their integrity, and more freedom to choose the direction of their research.

### Truly poor or

Dr ALAN COCK

Department of Biology

Southampton University

just unequal? Sir: The reason why the Child Poverty Action Group is now, in your words, just "an obscure interest group" is not because poverty is "out of sight, out of mind" (leading article, 4 June). It is instead because for too many years CPAG bad made grossly inflated claims about the extent of poverty.

The public eventually caught on to this fact that there actually aren't all these millions of poor people starving, undernourished, or outside of the state's welfare safety net. They therefore lost interest in "poverty". The media

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poor under the JRF definition. The new inequality definition of poverty, in again exaggerating the extent of the problem in Britain, will be as counter-productive in creating concern for the genuincly poor as the original CPAG

followed. Even the then august

my letter in the Independent (9

November 1986), the journal

castigated the group for

sociology journal New Society lost patience with the CPAG as long

ago as 1986. Quoting figures from

exaggerating the extent of poverty which it bad claimed totalled 16.4

million (including those "on the

margins of " poverty).

Now we have the Rowntree

Foundation telling us that 14

million people are in "poverty".

1986 figure, though a different

half the average "equivalised"

are deemed to be poor. Thus,

inequality in incomes.

This looks an improvement on the

definition of poverty has been used.

Nowadays if your income is below

(adjusted) household income you

"poverty" is now defined merely as

What does this definition of

poverty tell us about the actual

level of income poor people survive on? It is not immediately abvious.

It is even more difficult to imagine

what gross wage one must earn to

escape poverty. Which is why 1

have produced a table of poverty

thresholds giving examples of what

poverty means in 1996 (Liverpool

published next week). It turns out

that, for example, a couple with three children living in a £70,000

semi in some leafy suburb earning

£20,000 a year can be regarded as

Quarterly Economic Bulletin,

definition was. PAUL ASHTON

Eastbourne, East Sussex

#### Computers better than calligraphy

Sir: Ynur report (Educatina, 30 May) on the teaching of "joined up writing" in a number of English schools was little short of astunishing. What next? Quill pens? Hicroglyphics? And as fur encouraging the use of fnuntain pens, I can nnly suppose that the mitiative is sponsored by detergent manufacturers nr clothes shaps.

The written word is one of the fundamental tools of learning and communication, but I cannot think of a book in current circulation, or a computer, which uses anything other than single-character letterforms.

In the last 150 years we have seen the quill replaced by the steel pen, followed by the fountain pen. conlemporary variations. Of these, the steel pen was the last to be used widely for the production of documents - those ledgers and fair copies with which the Victorians laid the foundations of modern business practice - as first the typewriter and then the word processor evolved.

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In the past week I have written, for reading by others, more than 10,000 words, of which approximately 9.950 were written using a computer keyboard. The other 50 were almost entirely written on sticky notes; simple messages such as "Back at 2pm".

Over the same period, I have received a number of letters and reports from business people and academics in which instances of poor grammar, incorrect usage and inadequate vocabulary

rendered the meaning uncertain. We should be teaching children bow tn express ideas and information properly, and leave calligraphy as an option in the handicraft syllabus. KEN WELSBY London E14

#### Figures for BSE

Sir. Terry Price's (letter, 30 May) "scientific facts" about BSE. During the year of the Great Plague in 1665, incidence figures for the London parisbes were published weekly. During the foot and mouth epidemic in recent memory incidence figures were

also published regularly. If weekly, or at least monthly, incidence figures were presented about BSE then consumers, our European partners and any other interested people could deduce the extent of the problem and assess how quickly it was being overcome. Mrs MURIEL BROOK Dorking, Surrey

#### **Vocal warning**

Sir. The "road rage" of Balaam against his ass (Numbers, 22) referred to by the Rev Barry
Etherington (Letters, 1 June) is
more like that which John Cleese takes out against his obstinate car. This was, moreover, no "dumb animal" but an example of divine ventriloquism.

One practical lesson to be drawn might be to invent a device to be fitted to every vehicle which vocally warns the driver, when tail: gating or recklessly overtaking of the perilnus consequences of his

Rabbi Dr REUVEN SILVERMAN Manchester Reform Synagogue

# Patriots must be Europeans

We can be good nationalists yet unite in a confederal Europe to protect our place in the world, says Tristan Garel-Jones

do not claim for my party an exclusive lien on patrito think of oneself as a Conservative unless one is animated by a deep, almost atavistic, sense of belonging to It was from the lips of Alas-

tair Goodlad, a man who never uses one word if none will do, that I first heard the phrase "The Conservative Party is not a political party. It's a tribe." True. You do not become a Conservative by signing up to a list of articles of faith. No amended Clause IV here. People join the Conscrvative Party because of what they feel; about themselves, about their family; their community; the kind of personal and collective responsibilities they wish to assume. Conservatives are unashamed of patriotism and concerned about the way in which our individual feelings about our nation are expressed collectively through our sovereignty.

My first conscious brush with the concept of Britain's sovereign actions came as a boy at the time of Suez. Whether or not that was a wise venture can still be debated. But to a young schoolboy in 1956 there was no doubt. Britain was right. Britain would win.

It came as something of a shock to discover that in the minds of many there was at least some duhiety about the rightness of our cause. That shock deepened when it hecame apparent that we had not won in the traditional sense of the word. And it turned into confused anger when, later, it became clear that our retreat had been forced upon us by a telephone call from abroad. John Foster Dulles, from Washington DC, had dictated British foreign policy.

I tried over the next few years to think through what patriotism and sovereignty really signified and, above all, how they should best be applied and exercised in the modern world. As is often the case it was my interest in Spain and things Latin that provided food for thought. How curious it is, meidentally, that my own Spanish connection and bi-lingualism (I was brought up there as a hoy and my wife is Spanish) should be regarded as a matter of suspicion by those who, to quote Professor Sir Michael Howard, are "almost boastfully ignorant of any world save their

After the Spanish Civil War the losing side, the Republican

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left, had to flee for their lives. One such refugee, a law professor from Salamanca University, came to Britain. Life was hard at first. Clearing up snow and rubbish in London and peeling potatoes for 11 hours a day in a café. But slowly this intelligent, sensitive intellectual made his way. He married a Scottish girl, found a joh at the BBC and brought up a family - a distinguished member of that tragic Spanish dias-pora that resulted from the

But throughout all this time he remained true to his beliefs. True to Spain. He founded the Republican left movement in London. He became head of the diplomatic delegation of the Spanish government in exile. He protested outside the Spanish Embassy when the Com-munist Grimau was executed by

There he sat. A Castilian gentleman in Chorley Wood. And he wrote poetry. Rather good poetry, I think. Sad, proud verses laced with the dignified hitterness of a man who had

imperial sovereignty concerns Bolivia. A 19th-century Bolivian dictator, General Belzu, took it upon himself to expel Queen Victoria's ambassador from his capital. The Royal Navy explained that a blockade of the Port of Cobija was ordered that Bolivia be struck off the map. In one grand gesture, Victoria erased a sover-eign state. A 19th-century precursor of Foster Dulles's peremptory telephone call to Harold Macmilian!

I dare say that at the time this gave considerable offence in Bolivia. Today I suspect that any Bolivian tourist who found such a map would buy it at once, frame it, and hang it up in his drawing room. Thus, in 100 years or so, a grand imperial gesture becomes a conversation piece banging on the wall of a smart apartment in

Does this not suggest that even sovereignty itself is something of a moving target? That, perhaps, the most effective ways and forums for advancing

Luis Portillo's poems are the cry of anguish of a patriot who misses and longs for his native country

been pulled up by the roots. The titles are interesting: "The hand of Saint Teresa", "The Guitar, The Fig Tree I Used to Know", "The Light of the Bullfight". The poems are the cry of anguish, from north London, of a patriot who misses and longs for his native country. I wish I had known him.

But I am lucky enough to know his son, Michael Portillo. I doubt if anyone would accuse Michael of lacking a deep sense of patriotism towards Britain. Indeed, if he errs at all, his commitment to our country has laid him open to charges of over enthusiasm in this department. But what this little para-hle suggests to me, at least, is rations and beliefs of that Spanisb poet in exile are sbared by his British son.

What, then, of the collective expression of all our individual feelings of patriotism - the sovereignty of our nation? My favourite expression of British Britain's interests and beliefs might change?

I have no doubt that the to give the lie to Dean Acheson's famous jibe that Great Britain has lost an empire and not yet found a role. Nor do I have any doubt that the Conservative Party, with its tribal instinct for nationhood, has been right to support every Conservative prime minister since Macmillan in ensuring that our role lies, to coin a

phrase, at the beart of Europe. What kind of Europe? Not, I suspect, a federal Europe along Belgian lines, nor a simple free-trade area as advo-cated by some here in Britain. that even that most intimate. More likely a confederal feeling of attachment to our Europe of sovereign states, as nation can be an accident of advocated last Monday in this geography or history or mere chance. And I presume to say that many of the highest aspitioo cannot, must not, will not be built without Britain.

> So why is Europe so difficult for some Tories? Because we remain, all of us, presumptuous enough to helieve that Britain still stands for something in the world. We remain, all of us,

unashamed to advance our country's interests and her values. But unlike my beloved Spain, we did not suffer an overnight bumiliation. The Cuban War of 1898 left the whole of Spain in no doubt that the party was over. Our decline from imperial power has been more gradual, genteel even. So much so that some bave scarcely noticed. Tory Euro-sceptics still believe in their hearts that brave little Blighty can go it alone.

But the patriotic choice for Britain now is Europe. Try negotiating a lifting of the beef ban in the United States, New Zealand or Canada. Try achieving a single market with no regulations and no court to enforce them. Try negotiating a tariff arrangement for Britain outside the EU. Try getting together with Iceland, Lichtenstein, Switzerland and Norway to influence world trade. Try to persuade the British people that if the single currency works (luckily we can wait and see) and the Group of Seven becomes the Group of Three, we should not be a G3 country - that we should deliberately relegate ourselves to the second division and wait for our nice Portuguese friends to tip us the wink about what bappened.

All of this can, of course, be done. A stand-alone Britain does not disappear, Bolivialike, from the map. You end up with a more "independent" Britain. But a poorer Britain. A Britain out in the corridor, waiting upon decisions she has not been a party to. I wish that those who secretly yearn for such a Britain would come out and say so. Far hetter to argue openly for withdrawal than to engage in sabotage. It is a debate I would relisb.

Today we sit at every top table of consequence in the world. The Security Council of the UN, the G7, Nato, the European Union. In their different ways, they are all bureau-cratic, pusillanimous and at times profoundly frustrating.
A place at top tables really matters. It is not a question of selfgratification for Foreign Office mandarins. It is bere that power is brokered and global decisions are taken, decisions that bear directly on the lives of all our citizens. Walk away from one table and our place at the others will soon be called into question.

There is, perhaps, a debate to be had as to whether Britain should seek to continue in the First Division of World Affairs or settle for the Southern League. For Tories there should be no doubt. To argue against the European Union is to argue against Britain's profoundest self-interest, against her place in the world, and flies in the face of that patriotic instinct that is one of the defining elements of Conservatism.

The writer is Conservative MP for Watford and a former minister in the Foreign Office. A version of this article is to be delivered as a speech to the European Union of Women tomorrow in



From: España debe abominar la saña Cuando en su propia sangre redimida, España otra vez libre resucite.

no encontrará a su alcance otro desquite que ahogar odio en piedad, y muerte en vida

Spain must abominate rage When Spain is redeemed by her own blood And rises again, a free nation There will be no compensation

Other than to drown hatred in pity, death in life

Los muchos españoles estelares que rinden su existencia en tierra extraña dan prueba suma de su amor a España

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Who give forth their existence in a foreign land Give the ultimate proof of their love of Spain By dying, uprooted from their home

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### Euro 96 bluffer? You, too, can play a blinder

response to my announce-A ment yesterday of our brand-new Euro 96 supplement. Unfortunately, almost of it has been from people who have no interest in football or have lost it, and now hope only to avoid the whole tournament, and don't want to

order the supplement at all. Typical of these is a reader called T Venables of north London, who writes: "Much as one would like to ignore the whole thing, one can't pretend it's not happening. I am bound about it, and expected to join in conversations about it. Any ideas on bow to bluff my way

Well, for Mr Venables and for everyone else who may get dragged into conversations about the whole wretched husiness, here are some suggested lines of talk to use. I have divided them into the different circumstances under which you might need them.

Ten Lines To Say If You Want To Sound As If You Know About Tactics While Watch-

ing a Game on TV Between Two Teams You Haven't Even Identified.

"That looked a bit iffy." "I always say that games like this are won and lost in midfield."

3. "They should be doing more running off the ball." 4. "Games like this are won and lost up front, that's what 5. "The English game jus

isn't equipped to take on the Continental style." They should be doing more running on to the ball. 7. "Games like this are always won and lost in the previous two months' prepa-

ration, that's what I always iy. "That looked a hit dodgy." 9. "Course, the Continentals have their own style, but it doesn't prepare them for against British

10. "You can tell it's come at the end of a long domestic

Ten Ejaculations To Ejaculate



Miles Kington

"Never!"
"Well spotted!"
"This bloke doesn't have the faintest idea what's going

"This bloke doesn't miss a single thing."
5. "Looked open and shut to

"Looked 50/50 to me." 7. "He's not letting them get away with anything, is he?" 8. He's not exactly letting the game flow, is he? "Fair challenge!" 10. "Penalty!"

Remarks To Make About Individual Players, Even When You Don't Know who They Are. 1. "He's finding international

football a bit different from the domestic stuff." 2. "His years playing for foreign clubs haven't done him any harm at all." 3. "I gather Blackhurn are 4. "He's on a yellow already."

That wasn't his strong 6. "He hasn't got that extra yard of pace. 7. "He's not playing his club

position. 8. "I gather Chelsea are after 9. "On his day, there's no one like him." 10. "Not his day, is it?"

Ten wise-sounding remarks for general use. 1. "There are too many teams that are afraid

losing."
2. "Have you seen many defenders making overlapping runs on the right?' |

3. "What this tournament needs is another Pelc." "Wasn't it Pele who said, Nobody ever lost a game by going back to first principles?"

teams got together with the European fashion designers, we might have some decent shirts on show." 6. "Denmark won the trophy last time - and heat Germany in the final - even though they had had no buildup at all, and didn't even know till the last moment that they had qualified. In fact, most of them were on holiday when it all began-And yet they won against all the teams that had been grimly preparing, slogging it out week by week. What I want to know is: why didn't Denmark have the courage of their convictions and repeat their winning approach this

5. "If the hest European

7. "And why has nobody clse copied their approach? 8. What do you mean - England did:"

9. "Having a drunken party" on a Cathay Pacific plane is the English equivalent of the Danes being on the beach?"
10. "Homm ..."

More handy Euro-phrases

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# There's more to life than being Joe Normal

ord Ashley of Stoke, the for-mer Labour MP, was deaf for 124 years after an operation that went wrong. But he can hear now thanes to a device, surgically embedded n his skull, known as a cochlear implant. Lord Ashley is overjoyed and bas now become an energetic proselytiser for this new technology.
He was lucky. The implants, which cost £26,000, are most likely to work when filled before the age of 10. Now

he wants to ensure they are available to as many deaf children as possible. Few stories would seem to be more free of controversy - a serious disability is successfully overcome by medical technology. Who could possihly complain about that? Well, first

there is the British Deaf Association. Deafness," says its spokesman David Nicholson, "is not a pathological defect to be cured."

And some deaf parents refuse the mplants for their deaf children, laiming they are an attempt to normalise" people who are not ill it all, only different. Deaf culture is is real as any other culture and the ther fyou were black, as one of ord Ashley's opponents remarked, you wouldn't have an operation to

people. Deafness is such an obvious disability, such a fundamental lack, that to defend it as a desirable state seems insane. Certainly we may

define deaf people as a minority with special requirements, but to define them as a minority, like hlacks or homosexuals, who ought positively to celebrate their condition appears to be yet another case of political correctness gone mad. Surely anybody, given the choice, would, should wish to hear. Bul what about short people?

Growth hormone can now be administered to children in danger of growing up sbort. Yet what is short? Is, for example, a 5ft man disabled or is be merely at one end of a statistical distribution of human heights? Many American parents now have growth hormone administered to boys who may grow up to be, say, 5ft 4in, arguing that, in contemporary society, average or better than average height is a crucial determinant of success. People who would normally be classified as dwarves object, saying that such applications of medicine reinforce

The argument will shock most corrupt social mores that discriminate against shortness. They, like the deaf people, say they are not sick, merely different.

The issue is normality and it will be one of the central ethical debates of the next decade. Technologically we are now approaching a position in which we shall, in a range of areas, be able to choose to be as close as possible to the centre of the statisfical bell curve of normality. Already we can choose, in vitro, embryos for implantation that do not carry the genes for, for example, cystic fibrosis and discard the rest. Soon we shall be able to do the same for any number of conditions and predispositions. And if easy, cheap, riskfree prenatal testing becomes available, as it will, then potentially all bereditary handicaps or shortcom-ings may be eliminated by abortion.

Aborting a foctus with muscular dystrophy is one way of saying to people with that appalling condition: you should not have been born. Already parents with Down's syndrome children say they have been made to feel guilty because the condition can so easily be detected



'If you were black you wouldn't have an operation to be white'

before birth so why did they not abort? Knowledge inverts traditional virtue - where once it would have been regarded as saintly to care for a bandicapped child, now it becomes a wrong to yourself, the child and to a society that must bear the costs.

The clear point here is that the handicapped lobbyists are right. However smart we get the bandicapped will always be with us. One

third of muscular dystrophy cases arise from spontaneous mutation rather than heredity and are, therefore, not going to be detectable prenatally. Similarly most Down's syndrome ebildren are born to young mothers who are not going to be tested. So, quite apart from the absolute injustice of the idea, any suggestion that the handicapped should not have been allowed to be

born is not sustainable. There will always be many people far from the normal majority. However, our ability to narrow certain curves - the distribution of deafness or shortness, for example - puts a new pressure on us all, the pressure of normality.
Of course, we all value human vari-

ety. At the most olwinus level it is clearly desirable that people experience and understand the world in different ways. All art and innovation spring from imaginations that are, at least to some degree, abnormal. And even the most normal of us would live lives of undifferentiated drabness and selfishness were we never to come into contact with alien perspectives and different experiences.

Even cases of what seem to be evident handicap offer important versions of human experience. The world of the deaf is part of human culture. But, you might say, so is the world of the smallpux sufferer and nobody argues that suppressing that disease was a bad thing. Yet the spectrum of abnormality that runs from smallpox to deafness to shortness is not divided by clear moral lines. Evidently we would rather not have smallpox and, perhaps equally evidently, we would rather not be short. But the question then

becomes; do we want everybody to

be about the same height as us? Or:

what is so special about my height as opposed to yours? Yet, however much we may value variation, when it comes to ourselves or our offspring, our courage tends to fail. There is nothing, you might say, wrong with homosexual-ity - but what if some future genetic test told you that the child you were carrying was destined to be gay? Being 5ft tall is not a moral condition - but would you accept growth hormone for your son if you were

told that was his untreated fate?

sound repellent, even totalitarian to the individualistic, liberal mind. But, in truth, it is a pressure that is embedded deep within us all because we fear the consequences of abnormality.

So the deaf lobbyists who oppose Ashley's crusade have a point. Their argument is that the hearing have no right to define something as a problem and then to impose a solution, to impose normality, I find this hard to accept because to be deprived of the audible world seems such an appalling fate, whatever the compensations of deafeulture. Nevertheless, their argument is profound and it foreshadims future dilemmas that will call into question our basic sense of our-

selves and the world. What is absolutely clear is that the human world was born of and thrives on variety. With the acquisition of the power to suppress some of that variety we must fight the tendency to stigmatise anything that can reasonably be regarded as healthy variation. It we do not then we are heading for the tyranny of the normal, a reign that will be as destructive as any other

### Brutal? Only the critics

Daniel Libeskind's design for the V&A extension is brilliant despite the howls of outrage. Jonathan Glancey talks to the architect

f Daniel Libeskind is the devil, then I am more than happy to sup with markable new £42m extenon which, all being well, will being well, will be 2001. But last week, hen his challenging but brilunt designs were presented to te public, a familiar reaction

Critics, led by Lord Reeslogg, the Times columnist, bhished it mercilessly. Reese, absurdiv, would have us lieve that Libeskind travels

infernal fellowship with pairman Mao and Jean-Paul utre, inviling us "to take a ulk in the desert with the evil for the good of our souls Sartre, Mao and Libeskind w eruption through barrism is the only to a hrave w world." Utter nonsense. To call Daniel Libeskind a rbarian is stupid. The Polishrn architect, a US citizen ice 1965 and now living and rking in Berlin, is one of the ist civilised people an English er of the realm could hope to et. Liheskind is no closet soist, no fan of Pol Pot. He not even a good old fash-

ied icanoclast. stroyed by the Holocaust d whose country of birth was raged by Nazi and Commut alike, he believes passionly in building up European llisation, not in tearing it wn. That his buildings are expected and largely precedented and thus diffit to grasp or like at tiest is not same thing as saying that y are in any way brutal.

engraved on the outside of the V&A that struck me when I first him using the shortest looked afresh at the museum last year," says Libeskind taking me on a detailed tour of the looked afresh at the museum last year," says Libeskind taking competition models of the proposed Boilerhouse Gallery. These are Inspiration and Knowledge, and I guess these are what I'm trying to represent in the new building. It is like the &A as a whole, a container of

> The Boilerhouse will be one of the places to meet in the capital

and for the belief that a great knowledge built up over centuries and across civilisations; at the same time, the museum is there to inspire. Well this new huilding is going to try and do

When visitors come in from the street, they will be whooshed up in fast lifts to a great glazed tetrahedron on top of the building. This is a kind of dome of discovery. where the latest forms of information technology will offer a hespoke guide through the A man whose family was museum's vast collection to everyone who comes here. That should inspire them, I hope. Then, they can go up to the cafe at the very top and look across an extraordinary vista of Vic-torian domes and spires, a wonderland of architectural ideas and inspiration from around

the globe and across time." As they descend, the complex and inspirational logic of Libeskind's design will become clear to those with open minds

"There are two words and eyes that see the seven storey building is a great concrete spiral, although the floors, despite what the unorthodox appearance of the building sugts, are on the level and nothing like, say, the awkward ramp that winds visitors up and around Frank Lloyd right's Guggenheim Museum in New

An architectural junction box, the Boilerhouse will connect the various parts of the labrinthine V&A, as well as providing considerable space for temporary exhibitions and displays of contemporary arts, crafts and decorative arts.

Because the Boilerbouse will serve first and foremost as a gallery of things yet to come, the V&A has chosen a building that looks wholly to the future. No, it does not "fit in" with the existing streetscape; but then what exactly is there for an architect to "fit in" with in South Kensington's audacious and gloriously eclectic museum land? The Boilerhouse is meant to

be different. It does, however, take a major expenditure of the imagination to translate the pictures of the apparently wayward model seen in the newspapers into the workable and oyable gallery it promises to be. But, imagine its crystal-like intersection of walls made of shimmering terracotta tiles, slit through with elongated windows allowing views through, up and down and into the beart of the new structure. Imagine people sitting below the Boilerhouse, lit ingeniously by lasers at night, on a custom designed bench running the length of the building - this will be one of the places to meet in the capital for Londoners and



Dering plan: the complex and inspirational logic of Libeskind's design will become clear to those with open minds

Photographs: Geraint Lewis sical values that have under-

approached the Millennium mmission for help with its original Boilerhouse project. the plans were rejected on grounds of heing insuffi-ciently distinctive. This was before Libeskind, Hopefully, the commission will change its mind after Libeskind. Unless, of course, it decides to side with Lord Rees-Mogg and thus confuse one of the most likeable and civilised architects with Chairman Mao and his vicious and destructive Cul-

tural Revolution. Rees-Mogg has based bis demolition of a humane and talented architect on a misunderstanding of the term "deconstructionist" which is loosely tied to any building that appears to be an explosion of tectonic forms rather than a neat and orderly resolution of conventional façades and floors. Rees-Mogg imagines that this term, borrowed from

When the V&A first rida, implies the emergence of the "anle-building" (sic), a thing designed to be "ugly because that is what the architecl wants to be".

> This is simply untrue. Libeskind's controversial Jewish Museum, bis first major building and an extension to the existing Berlin Museum, is due to open next summer. Designed in the guise of a three-dimensional bolt of lightning, it is striking, but far from ugly. The Boilerhouse Gallery at the V&A will not be ugly either. Those who base unfounded criticism of the design on a cursory glance at the plastic and cardboard models suhmitted to the V&A's selection committee are rushing to false judgement when they call the proposal devilisb

and ugly. Libeskind's Jewish Museum in Berlin began life by winning the vote of the young and the censure of those who saw themthe philosophy of Jacques Der-selves as guardians of the clas-

pinned European civilisation. Initial hostility to the Berlin design has given way, slowly, to admiration. Politicians and officials have begun to see method in Liheskind's "deconstructionism" now that what had appeared at first to be a crazy set of squiggles on paper is emerging as a thrilling practi-cal, beautiful and above all

inspirational huilding. While Little Englanders continue to heef over the mcrits of the V&A's hrave new extension, the Germans, suspicious until so recently of Daniel Libeskind, bave commissioned the architect to build an art museum in Osnabruck, a "music hall" in Bremen and a major urban development which takes in the side of the Sachsensbusen concentration camp on the architect of Libeskind's sensi-

tivity, sense of history and

deep humanity was to have

that has embarrassed the once and future German capital for more than 50 years. Clearly. there are two Daniel Liheskinds: the architect who will give Britain one of its most adventurous and enjoyable public buildings in years, and imagination of those for whom words (like "deconstructionism") account for more than

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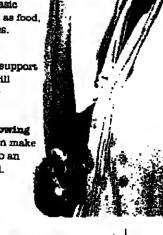
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### Don't worry about one flop on the launch pad Despite the fireworks over French Guiana, the European Space Agency is getting it right, argues Tom Wilkie

The glamorous explnits of Oned missions of the space shuttle e made Nasa a familiar organisaa. Until this week's speciacular are of the maiden flight of the Ari-5 rocket, ESA was shrouded in a obscurity that the initials of the opean Space Agency have always Ho be spelt out. But the reality of space business is ven different a the public relations hype. ESA he most successful, efficient and seffective space organisation in the dd. Nasa is a troubled organisation ideep crisis of morale and money. SA makes modest demands on the the purse; Nasa drains the ources of the American taxpayer. A has a forward-looking promment developing new rockets to p it in business in the next century. a stuck with a technological beaut - the space shuttle - for thit cannot afford a replacement. ESA's Ariane 4 rocket - the predefor to the one that blew up this k - is the most reliable satellite meher in the world. Out of 80

ven the acronyms are eloquent. launches, there have been only seven failures. ESA's commercial arm, Ari-American astronauts on the anespace, has captured around 60 per cent of the world's commercial satellite launching business - mainly communications, weather forecasting, and earth observation satellites. Its annual revenue exceeds \$1bn and its order book is comfortably full.

Immediately after the failure of Arianc 5, the president of Arianespace, Claude Bigot, reminded journalists that the 87th salellite launch of the Ariane 4 was scheduled to take place in just eight days and that it would goahead as planned. Ariane 4 has a waiting list of 45 launches, worth nearly \$5hn, including eight more scheduled for this year.

Stepbane Chenard, an analyst at the Paris-based space consultancy Euroconsult, said that the private sector increasingly finances the commercial use of space, as banks realise they can achieve the 10 to 15 per cent return on investment they require. In the past, only governments dared put up the stake money.

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Blanc de Nicolay, a satellite insurer. be for communications and television, M. Chenard said.

Arianespace's share of that is esti-mated at \$25-\$40 hn, with the heavyweight Ariane 5 key to Europe's mar-

Against all the odds this is a European success story

ket share. The existing Ariane 4 will be obsolete within 10 years as payloads get heavier and Ariane 5 will he needed to provide the productivity. reliability and low cost that clients demand. Even so, the technical performance of Ariane 4 is superior to that of Nasa's space shuttle, because the European launcher is capable of

of the market growth for satellites, says
Olivier du Passage, a director at Le
which the satellite orbits at the same rate as the earth turns on its axis and From 1996 until 2010, between 350 thus appears to "bang" in the sky, staand 530 satellites are expected to be tionary over the same spot on earth. launched, of which at least 236 would From this position it can constantly observe the weather, for example, and remain continuously in radio contact with the same ground station. Geostationary orbit is about 36,000km above the earth's surface. The space shuttle, in contrast, can reach only a low earth orbit of about 400km. The shuttle does have greater lifting power however, and can carry a satellile plus rocket in its cargo hay allowing a second launch, taking the satellite from

low earth orbit up to geostationary.
And although Ariane is an expendable rocket, the European launcher is cheaper than the "reusable" shuttle, precisely because of that factor that attracts the PR hype: it costs money to meet the higher safety standards of manned missions.

It was not always thus. ESA was born out of the ashes of a botched attempt in the 1960s at giving Europe a place in space. Its predecessor, the Demand from dynamic result putting payloads into the coveted European Launcher Development

Organisation, built the Europa rocket, based on the old British Blue Streak missile. It cost three times the original estimate; the rocket failed and the organisation was wound up in 1974. It is a measure of ESA's achieve ment - and a lestament to the diplomatic and managerial skills of its first director general, the Briton Roy Gib-

son - that out of the bitter recriminalions of the mid-1970s, the agency has built up a successful commercial launcher business and has put in place a coherent programme of scientific research in space. ESA's annual hudget of around \$3hn a year appears expensive, hul it is less than a fifth of Nasa's. Europe's total spending on space - military and civil, launcher technology as well as scientific research - is about 16 per cent of that of the US, even though the total GDP of ESA's member states is roughly comparable to the US.

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# Lucas bid battle looms as BBA steps in

#### PATRICK TOOHER

The prospect of an all-out hidding war for Lucas intensified vesterday after the engineering group BBA said it was considering a rival takeover approach for the UK automotive and

aerospace group.

BBA is expected to swoop with a hostile bid for Lucas within the next few days, though other companies, including Germany's Mannesmann, may also enter the frav.

News of BBA's interest casts tong shadow over the agreed £3.2bn merger Lucas announced only five days ago with Varity of the US. This would create the world's second largest hrakes manufacturer.

BBA, which at £1.2bn is only half the size of Lucas and about the same in market capitalisation terms as Varity, is expect-ed to fund the deal with a paper offer, though a partial cash alternative is also likely to

Lucas was scathing about BBA's ability to fund such a deal. A spokesman said: "There is no meaningful industrial case for a comhination of BBA and Lucas. Furthermore, to make a credible offer for Lucas, BBA would be financially stretched to the limit with no ahility to develop its businesses." Lucas advised shareholders to take no action until further notice.

The increased likelihood of a hid battle pushed shares in Lucas 8p higher to 254p, hut

would have to pay a hefty pre-mium to win Lucas. They said many of the 15 or so institutional investors who control more than 60 per cent of Lucas side with its view that the Varity deal would create a financially sound grouping that had a strong po-sition in the competitive global

g a rival deal can be financed, BBA's cause may

fears of a huge rights issue sent
BBA 21.5p lower to 295.5p.
Sources in the City said BBA want them to go one way [with Varity] but they may well think in their heads that a premium priced offer is better for their funds' performance.

Analysts also speculated that if BBA launched a hid it would be forced to sell the aerospace and diesel divisions of Lucas for around £600m to make the deal more affordable. However, BBA is understood to have no such plans at the moment.

the industrial logic of the Lucas merger with Varity could be bettered by BBA. Lucas and Varity are strongly focused on the automotive sector, especially brakes and dieset systems, though BBA's main trump card is its friction unit, which is the market leader in Europe for car

and truck brake pads. This division had sales of around £300m a year and could strengthen Lucas by providing it with an integrated source of

Analysts also doubted that friction material for its brake systems, they said.

Lucas Varity will employ more than 56,000 and have combined sales of £4.4bn. The merger creates one of the world's top 10 antomotive suppliers, producing brakes, diesel engines and fuel systems, vehicle electronics and avionics.

Under the terms of the deal Lucas shareholders will receive 62 per cent of the enlarged cap-ital, and Varity shareholders 3S per cent. The deal is not expected to be completed by Ser tember, leaving a small kindo

of opportunity for a right Linde was another Germa engineering group mediance vesterday as a possible stitor to Lucas, though Munici-base electronics giant Siemens rule itself oul of the running.

BBA is no stranger to host oids. Last year it took contro of Swiss fibre and paper gree Holvis from under the nose International Paper of the U.

### Courtaulds sacks its chief executive

#### JOHN WILLCOCK

Courtaulds Textiles has sacked its chief executive, Noel Jervis. and replaced him with executive director Colin Dyer, in a bid to improve the group's perfor-mance following its May profits warning.

Mr Jervis could receive

around £500,000 compensation for being ousted from Courtaulds, where he has worked for 30 years, all his working life, The talks could last another of Mr Jervis' pay-off will be

John Eccles, Courtaulds' chairman, said: "Neel had an extremely good grasp of the in-dustry, great ideas and the ability to see into the future. "But implementation was not

his strong point."
He added: "He was strong on what we had to do, hut weak on actually doing it. When we issued our profits warning in May there was a downgrading of forecasts (by analysts of our results). We had to look sericonclusion that a change of leadership would help." Mr Eccles insisted there had been no pressure from institutional investors to sack Mr Jervis.

Courtaulds's shares dipped a penny to 378p on the news. The chairman said Mr Jervis had been earning £200,000-£250,000 a year and was on a two-year rolling contract. He said the company is currently in talks with its legal advisors and a decision on the exact amount made shortly.

Six years after the demerger with Courtaulds, Mr Eccles said that the company has to con-tinue to sharpen its focus on key clients like Marks & Spencer, and speed up moving out of husinesses which are not core activities. "We have to continue to move our activities offshore into lower cost economies."

The board he said, had reviewed the position of the company against the background of difficult trading markets over ously at how we could change the situation and we came to the that while the group's strategy

needed to be speeded up.
"The directors thank Noel for his contribution to the company over his long period of service," he said.

The group's main areas, he said, will continue to include lace products, stretch and performance fabrics, other contract clothing, hranded clothing and home furnishings and supplying Marks and Spencer.

Mr Dyer, who replaces Mr Jervis, is 43 and joined Courtaulds in 1982. His promotion to chief executive is from the position of executive director responsible for branded and own-label clothes, the firm said.

Mr Dyer's pay package has not yet been determined. His existing rolling two-year contract is worth £150,000-£200,000 a year. Courtaulds Textiles said trading continued in line with its statement issued on 1 May. Then the group said an expected loss in its US operations would

drag down group profits in the first half of 1996.



Comment, page 23 Company man: Noel Jervis, who could receive £500,000 in compensation. He had worked for Courtanids for 30 years

### Watchdog casts fresh doubt on Energy sale

#### **MAGNUS GRIMOND** and MICHAEL HARRISON .

A fresh shadow was cast over the flotation of British Energy last night after Scottish Power warned that it might re-open a key nuclear electricity contract

with the generator. The warning followed an announcement from the industry regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild. calling for price cuts of between 3 and 5 per cent for business and industrial users

north of the border. The director general of Of-fer criticised Scotish Power and the other Scottish generator. Hydro-Electric, saying there was too little competition and warning failure to reach agreement on price cuts would lead to a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

But Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro, which dominate electricity supply in Scotland, dismissed his claims and said the best way to cut prices would be to renegotiate the contract with Scottish Nuclear, part of British Energy, under which they are forced to buy nuclear-generated electricity at above market rates until 2005.

That would put a hig question-mark over British Energy's privatisation, as the company supplies half the electricity used in Scotland and any reduction in prices is likely to have a significant impact on profits.

Offer vesterday denied that its intervention now had been to get round a "gagging order" to be included in British Ener-

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gy's pathfinder prospectus due to be published on Monday. A spokeswoman said Professor Littlechild would not be gagged, but admitted that the prospeclus would contain a list of forthcoming statements from Offer and a warning that he retained the right to deal with unforeseen

In a statement, the regulator said that customers, suppliers and others had expressed concern about the development of electricity competition in Scotland, highlighting the lower penetration of suppliers to the business market than in England and Wales.

The practice under which the two Scottish companies were meant to make electricity available to alternative suppliers at the current poolmarket price was not working, he said, and was therefore no

tonger appropriate.

He therefore proposed that
the price of electricity bound for the competitive second-tier formula which in England and Wales resulted in a level around 6 per cent lower than the pool selling price.
In Scotland, customers in

the competitive market could expect to see cuts of between 3 and 5 per cent.

The move angered the two Scottish companies, as they will continue to be forced to buy the highly priced nuclear-generated electricity hut suffer selling price cuts which they are unable to recover from customers due to increased competition.

### SwissAir wins Allders duty free battle

#### NIGEL COPE

SwissAir appeared to have won the lengthy battle for the Allders duty free business yesterday when it increased its ofrival suitor BAA.

The battle looked lost for BAA when it said it was "not willing" to increase its offer any further. The company said it was not prepared to "spend shareholders' money on an unrealistic valuation." A spokesman for SwissAir's advisers, SBC Warthe story," be said. SwissAir's coup de grace

capped a day of dramatic events which saw both companies in-

BAA led the way when it increased its original £130m agreed deal by £15m to match SwissAir's proposal. SwissAir then trumped it with a £160m offer in the afternoon.

It is not yet clear whether or not BAA will withdraw its lower offer or still present it to

due to take place next Monday. BAA is expected to decide today if it will withdraw. If the meeting does take place and the firm offer on the table from offer is voted down, another SwissAir. We now have to revened to approve the SwissAir

Licking its wounds, BAA said it had already stated that it could see other ways in which could develop its duty free husiness and would now explore those alternatives.

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burg, was understandably more Allders shareholders at an news for Allders shareholders, upbeat. It looks like the end of emergency meeting which is who saw the group's shares who saw the group's shares rise a further 16p to 216p yesterday. Allders said: "We acknowledge that there is now a sues relating to that offer as quickly as possible in order to confidently put it to our sharebolders in a form which is ca-

pable of being approved." SwissAir representatives said they were confident they could make the Allders International business pay at the £160m recognised that the UK airport outlets would not be part of the deal as the management contracts will be taken up by BAA, which operates the airports. It also recognises that duty free rope from 1999. However, they said that the store rental agreements were due for re-negotiation at the same time and that the new deals would reflect any European Union decision.

valuation. They said SwissAir

The company added that airport retailing is a fast-growing

#### Capital Radio sell-off

#### MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Capital Radio's biggest shar holder is bailing out, selling 19 per cent stake in the fas growing media company to it stitutitional investors. At la night's prices, the shares woo fetch nearly £118hm.

The disposal, being arrange by Goldman Sachs and Caze ove, could revive speculation that the radio group is ripe for takeover, analysts speculate last night. The sale ends a five year relationship between Ca ital and Havas, the French media giant, which intends concentrate on investment of portunities on the Continer particularly in pay-TV.

It bought the shares for 180 each in 1991, as a "strategi holding in UK radio, and w make close to 3.5 times money, subject to deal costs.
Capital Radio has long bee
a target of takeover speculatio
due to changes in the Gover ment's attitude toward cros media ownership and the rap growth of commercial radio

the past three years, in The company runs two poular London radio staticus. Capital AM and FM—and plus to expand further in the UK as overseas, Commercial radio the fatest-growing medium: the UK, and accounts for abo 4 per cent of total advertish

Goldman Sachs and Caze ove plan to begin the boo hullding exercise this wee that the shares will receive wie

However, depending on the price fetched for the stake, a alysts expected Capital to attra renewed interest in the came of predators. Leading the list potential buyers is Associate Newspapers.

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### Yorkshire postpones buy-back

#### PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Beleaguered Yorkshire Water came under fire yesterday from customers and the Labour Party for a substantial increase in profits and dividends last year. But the company bowed to

public outrage about its poor performance during the drought by postponing a planned share buy-back until it has improved its relationship

The buy-back would have added substantially to the re-wards for shareholders, hut Yorkshire took the sting out of the postponement by promising the City handsome future increases in real dividends of between 6 per cent and 8 per cent each year — on 10p of inflation — to the year 2000.

This followed a decision to raise the latest year's dividend 12 per cent to 31p a share after an increase in pre-tax prof-

drought costs of £47m. Labour called the profits scandalous. Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary, said: "Under this government, the privatised companies are alowed to get away with anything - rip off customers, leak onethird of their water, damage the environment - yet they're not properly regulated and they



"Labour will introduce tough regulations to cut the leaks, protect customers and sustain the environment, and we will also impose a windfall levy on the scandalous profits to help finance our plans to provide work and training for young

people."

Commenting on the post-poned share buy-back, Brian Wilson, Yorkshire's finance director, said: "We believe the balance sheet is inefficient \_ hut we must regain the confidence of customers first." With takeover rumours in the

air, he held out the prospect to the City that a share buy-back was still possible later this year. He said he would be "disap-pointed if (customer confidence) is not restored within this calendar year." The absence of a buy-back

depressed the share price,

which fell 16p to 718p. Mr Wilson admitted that Yorkshire had made mistakes but said the priority now was "to get the core water business firing on all six cylinders and customer confidence back." He defended the dividend growth promise, saying the company would invest more than £600m over the next two years, which he claimed was five times as much as projected dividend increases

Mr Wilson said the company had seen "a balanced year" between benefits for customers and shareholders. In retribution for its poor customer service, Ofwat, the water regulator, has made Yorkshire cap price increases at inflation instead of the previously allowed increases of 2.5 percentage points above inflation.

Yorkshire had to pay for tankers to import water from neighbouring areas during the supply shortage, contributing to the exceptional costs of £47.2m.

fidence that action taken to secure supplies would prevent a repeat of last year's problems and avoid any further exceptional charges. CURRENCIES

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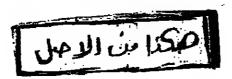
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### The man in pink is still favourite to win Lucas

The chief executive of BBA is not known around the Square Mile as Bob "give business.

BBA about huying its friction brakes est level against the mark for 16 months. More than half the currency's recovery business. no" Quarla for nothing. A hard-nosed American, he has made a name for himself by taking lacklustre businesses by the scruff of the neck and shaking them ferociously until the had bits fall out and what is left starts to perform. There are plenty of ex-

BBA directors who will testify to his style. Bul if, as seems likely, he does launeb a hostile break-up bid for fellow car components group Lucas, he will have to give plenty. For a slart there is the small matter of the \$25m "hreak-up fee" that will have to be paid to Lucas's preferred partner, Verity, if the bid succeeds. That'll huy quite a few of the pink tracksuits Victor Rice, Verity's chairman, allegedly likes to wear when

travelling. That in itself might seem bad enough but it is mere pin money compared with what Lucas would cost. Lucas is capitalised at twice BBA's market value. No wonder Mr Quarta is rumoured to have had difficulty uoderwriting his hid in the City.

Even so, Lucas's attempts to rubbish Mr Quarta and BBA before it has even seen the colour of his paper looks odd since it is well known that Lucas regarded him highly eoough to approach the American about taking over from Lucas's departing chief executive, George Simpson. The assertion

But for all that this will be a bard one for BBA to pull off. By allowing a head of steam to huild up behind the Lucas-Varity deal it has left itelf in the position of having to pay considerably more than if it had struck earlier. This in turn begs the question of the level of institutional support it has. Who knows. Mr Quarta may surprise ns. After all no one gave Farnell Electronics much of a chance with its reverse takeover of Premier. It boils down partly in who will best revive Lucas. The odds must be with the man in pink for now. He may have to fight a bloody war before winning his bride, bowever.

#### Forex markets bet on higher rates

The markets' favourite dooble act, Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George, kept their audience on edge yesterday. They beld their monthly meeting later than usual, leaving the Bank of England oo time to cut base rates even if that is what the Chancellor had wanted. Mr Clarke's decision will not be clear until today. They also met for longer than usual - what could they have had to talk about for ao bour and a balf?

Most economists expect no change in interest rates, but the small chance of a cut that a merger with BBA possesses oo industrial logic is also peculiar given that Lucas and Varity, by all accounts, both approached logic is also peculiar given that Lucas and Varity, by all accounts, both approached logic is left near its high-

from its all-time low last November has taken place during the past five weeks. It is a striking performance, which

although it has little to do with the Great Beef War does have an element of Euro-reasoning hehind it. Sterling is benefitting from concern about what may happen to the mark on the way to monetary union. It is as safe a bet as there ever is in forex that the euro will not be as strong as the mark. What's more, the odds are on a Labour gov erament looking more favourably on linking the pound to the curo even if not join-

ing it, which is belying to underpin sterling However, the main factor behind the pound's strength is the outlook for interest rates in the UK and abroad. While some City economists think moribund manufacturing performance and low inflation will provide the excuse Mr Clarke needs to cut the cost of borrowing, the markets as a whole are betting on faster growth leading to higher base rates before the end of the year. Indeed, by next Juoc, the futures market expects the level of rates to be back up to 7 per cent.

While interest rates bere and in the US seem set on an upward path, European rates could fall further. As it turned out, the German economy didn't fall as much as expected in the first quarter and April industrial outrates down for many months to keep the hardly have been better). Mr Jereis finally economy on the rails and counteract the got his chance. It has been downhill virtue.

effect of hudget-cutting.

Some sterling sceptics think the markets are taking too little account of political risks in the UK, from pre-election interest rate cutting to the Government's imprediciable Euro-antics. However, chartists reckon the pound could move as high as DM2.48 in coming weeks. Closer in the likely election date it will be another matter.

#### The plant is pruned at Courtaulds Textiles

Tt's a precarious business being a chief exec-Lutive these days. They might get well paid, but as likely as not they will also eventually get fired. Especially perilous is the position of the chief executive who is also a company man. The outsider, the hired gun, comes to expect the bullet in the back of the head. Perform or die is his prospectus. But the insider expects loyalty for his years of service, and time to prove himself. Increasingly he doesn't get it. When the time comes for cultural and structural change, he is rarely seen as the man for the joh. In comes the new broom to sweep all before him.

Noel Jervis, who was unceremoniously thrown overboard by Courtaulds Textiles yesterday, is a case in point. He's been at Courtaulds man and boy. When Martin Tay-lor departed for Barclays (his timing could must have something going for it.

ally all the way since then, culminating in last month's profits warning. He seems to have been promoted above his head.

Mr Jervis, by all accounts, was the arche-typal insider chief executive. He knew the industry back to front, he had great ideas on how to grow the company, he knew what the company had to do and where it had to go. But when it came to implementation, somehow nr other he just couldn't do it. Nnthing happened. He was what m management school speak is known as a "plant". a creative, cerebral type and a lateral thinker. You rarely see people like this at the top of organisations - which is a shame because they have much to contribute. But it is obvious why. They don't get things done and they are poor when it comes to board-room politics. What John Eccles, chairman of Churtaulds, thinks he needs is more of an SH (you can imagine what that stands for)

to run his company.
It is hard in known whether Colin Dyer fits the bill. He hasn't been at Courtaulds as long as Mr Jervis hut he is still very much an inside appointment. To replace one insider with another might not seem like much of an advance. Courtaulds perhaps deserves the benefit of the doubt, however. Any company that can admit it is disposing nf its chief executive "in order to allow a more effective implementation of strategy

### Industry chiefs savage Government 'fog over Europe'



Britain's business leaders turned on the Government yesterday, warning that its policy of non-co-operation over the beef ban would prove harmful and disruptive unless it was

ended quickly.

The warning from the Confederation of British Industry coincided with a strong attack on the hostile attitude to European Union membership displayed by many UK politicians.

The CBI said the "fog of rhetoric\* risked further reducing the UK's credibility as a negotiating partner in Europe and was deeply damaging to Britain's business and economic interests. The employers or-ganisation also warned that were at risk from the UK's "in-creasingly semi-detached role" in Europe. Only a formight ago the CBI was dismissing the row over the EU's beef ban as no more than a "spat" between members of a chub and rejecting suggestions that it would bave any impact on from Niall FitzGerald, chair-

British business interests. But at a CBI Business in Europe seminar vesterday attended by the Deputy Prime Minister, Micheal Heseltine, business leaders queued to criticise the Government's stance in blocking day to day husiness in Brussels, including a number of directives the CBI has fought to

FitzGerald: This affair, if continued, would be harmful and disruptive'

get enacted. Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman of British jobs and inward investment Airways and the new president were at risk from the UK's "in- of the CBI, said: "We hope we are going to see a satisfactory ending to the cattle issue and see the Government co-operating. The longer it goes on the more harm it will do to British interests in Europe." The criticism was stronger

man-designate of the giant Anglo-Dutch foods group Unilever and chairman of the CBI's Europe committee. He said he did not have enough knowledge to comment on the merit of the "confrontation politics" being

"However, I can say that this affair has not belped Brilish business in Europe and, if con-tinued, it would be harmful and disruptive to those of us who represent the more than 50 per cent of British trade which relates in Europe."

employed by the Government.

But he added:

Mr FitzGerald also warned of the damage that careless talk about Britain leaving the EU could cause, saying it would expose the country to "regulation without representation". The UK's interests were best served, he added, by ensuring it had effective influence on the shaping of Europe. "Is Britain more likely to

achieve these goals by arguing from a position of trust at the heart of Europe or by carping from the sidelines?" he asked. The attack was taken up by

lance, who said that business needed a government which was unequivocal in its commitment

We have in know that we bave our Government behind us, not minded to pull the rug from underneath us." he added. Sir Jain also argued that what

Vallance: 'We need government behind us, not pulling rug from underneath'

Brussels needed was more, not less, power over national governments in certain areas. In particular he said that its compension directorate should have greater power over na-tional authorities while some

form of "supra-national monetary discipline" might he necessary to achieve greater mooctary stability. Sir David Simon, chairman of

the chairman of BT, Sir lain Val- BP, one of the husiness community's most prominent Europhiles, said his company would welcome the creation of single currency provided convergence criteria were not relaxed.

Earlier Mr Heseltine, one of the Cahinet's most prominent prn-Europeans, defended Britain's right to protect its own interests as any nation state in Europe would. But he also stressed the im-

portance for business of Britain remaining at the centre of Europe and dismissed those who suggested withdrawal or membership instead of the European Economie Area as an option. "If would relegate us to sec-

ood-class membership of Europe. It would force us to obey rules we had no part in forming and no opportunity to

A curious prescription from those who claim they want to enhance British sovereignty. "Britain is going to stay in the

European Union. We are going to build from within, a Union the British people can be com-fortable with."

### **Provisions for** bad debt leave Hambros in red

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

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Hambros, the independent merchant bank, yesterday wrapped up a dismal year with unexpectedly large bad debt provisions of £36.2m and a bottom line loss of almost £4m.

But the group insisted it intended to remain independent. left its dividend unchanged at 7.5p a share and annnunced an £8m cost-saving programme that will lead to another 100 job losses over the next 18 months. This is no top of a 400 fall in t workforce in the latest financial year to 1,600; 100 were joh losses and the rest a result

of the sale of businesses. Although there have been repeated rumours that Hambros might be snapped up by a predator during the restructuring of London investment banking under way, the bank made clear it planned to exploit the attractions to clients of independent advice. There have been no bid

Michael Sorkin, deputy chairman, said Hambros was seeking to expand its fund management business through a joint venture cause of a sharp rise in irrecovor an acquisition. The bank wanted to find a "high-class leam with a first-class record".

warrant an announcement, the

Hambros said the corporate finance broaness had a record year. including the sale of British Rail's rolling stock leasing companies. With its balance sheet con-

tracting as it shed unprofitable business. Hambros' capital strength improved in spite of hucking the huoyant trend in

most of the rest of the myest-

ment banking industry.

The bad debt charge was substantial in relation to loans to customers of only £1.16bn, but was spread over about 20 loans.

The provisions came as most other banks reported sharply lower bad dehts. But Sir Chips Keswick, chief executive, rejected any suggestion the pro-visions had been delayed or were misleading, saying Hamhros had in previous years built up a substantial reserve of nonspecific had debt provisions in the expectation of problems.

Before the bad debts, group profits were up nearly 40 per cent to £69.7m. But exceptional charges of £129m - the cost of disposals - together with the bad deht provisions reduced pre-tax profits to £20.6m against £37.1m the year hefore. After tax and minorities the

approaches serious enough to net result was a loss of £3.8m against a profit of £16.6m last year. A key reason for the swing into the red was an increase in the tax charge from £18m to £22m as profits fell, partly beerable advance corporation tax.

Hamhros' quoted offshoots are improving performances, with Humbrn Countrywide, the estate agency, trading profitably after a loss last year and Hambro Insurance Services making a record profit of £11m.

#### IN BRIEF

• Estates of Woolwich Building Society members who have died since 31 December will still qualify for shares after the planned flotation, the society said. It also said there would be a basic share allocation for all members who had at least £100 to their investment accounts or £100 outstanding on their mortgages both on December 31 last year and also on the second qualifying dale, which will be some time oext year. But there will be additional shares for members who have a minimum of £1,000 in their accounts on both the key dates, provided they bave bad accounts for at least two years. The society will give members ootice of the second date to allow them to run down and rebuild their balances in time. Natioowide results, page 25

• Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has decided not to refer the acquisition of 4,000 megawatts of generating power plant from National Power or the purchase by Avon Energy Partners of Midlands Electricity to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Three other bids are also escaping a reference to the MMC. They are Stagecoach Holdings' purchase of Cambus Holdings, McCain Foods' acquisition of Everest Foods. and the purchase by FirstBus of Transit Holdings' Portsmouth Transit business.

 Microsoft Corp bas been fined 1m Belgian francs (£21,000) by the Brussels industrial tribunal after its offer in the Belgian market of a free GSM mobile relephone with its computers was declared illegal. Microsoft bas been asked to stop all advertising for this offer. The tribuoal investigated the case after complaints by 15 Belgian mobile phone companies. Microsoft plans to appeal

 James McAdams, Signet Group's chairman, told shareholders at the company's annual meeting that sales rose 7 per ceot for the 17 weeks to the end of May, making an "encouraging" outlook for the first half. He said sales in the US had risen 8 per cent, while sales at H Samuel and Ernest Jones, which are both up for sale, were ahead 2 per cent and 20 per cent respectively.

· Racal Electronics is shutting its factory in Warrington with the loss of up to 180 jobs as part of a £20m restructuring of its loss-making data products business. Investment Column, page 25

 PowerGen purchased for cancellation 37.5 million of its ordimary shares, equal to 5.32 per cent of its capital, through UBS at Market Report, page 24

• IMI intends to raise £105m cash from the sale of its shares in the US-based Titanium Metals and a further £13m from the repayment of a loan note following the completion of an underwritten public offering of Timet's shares.

· Glaro Wellcome is suing Sawai Pharmaceutical and Taivo Pharmaceutical Industry for allegedly violating patents for its Zovi-rax treatment for herpes and chickenpox. Glaxo Wellcome alleges that the two companies violated its patent in developing products using acyclovir, an ingredient of Zovirax.

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Germans threaten Murdoch TV tie-up said. "You don't wander off with ship should be a partnership." untapped market. Bertelsmann It is believed Mr Murdoch MATHEW HORSMAN

has enraged two of its partners, Canal Plus and BSkyB, Mr Murdoch's 40 per cent-owned Rupert Murdoch's high-slakes satellite hroadcaster, which thital TV alliance with three have accused the German com-Continental broadcasters was pany of dragging its feet on preparations for the introduc-

> Havas, made no comment. "When we have a marriage. we think it should mean something," a source at Canal Plus

someooe else after you exchange vows."

Only weeks after the pan-European alliance was announced in March, Bertelsmann unveiled a controversial merger of its TV interests with CLT, the Luxemhnurg-hased hroadcast- be particularly concerned about er that competes directly with Canal Plus in key markets. "It is oot only because of

Mr Murdoch was believed to the effects that the CLT link could have on regulators in Brussels, who have already expressed reservations about CLT" the Canal Plus source stressed, however, "A partner. large-scale media alliances.

garding the alliance.

shares that view. He sent a let-

ter early this week to Bertels-

mann, asking for clarification of

the company's intentions re-

panies set to launch pay-TV services in Europe's higgest

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last night in tatlers, as doubts about the viability of the parttion of digital television in Eupership threatened to escalate. rope. The fourth partner. At issue was the role played by the media giant Bertelsmonn, one of two German com-

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## Rumours of drop in forecast damage Allied Domecq

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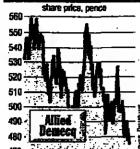
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#### SHARE SPOTLIGHT



prone drinks group, slumped to new lows as stories swept through the stock market that its stockbroker, Cazenove, bad slashed its profit estimates. At one time the shares were

down 12.5p to 471.5p. They closed at 475p. The rumour, like so many that try to enliven a dull day, was wide of the mark. The blue-blooded broker is sticking with its forecasts, which are not widely out of line with other

projections, of £570m for this

year and £630m for next. If anything the Allied fer-ment highlighted the vulnerahility of the group's shares. They bave underperformed the market for years and in the past 12 months have fallen from a 559p high.

Trading has been disanpointing, with the market fret-

Allied Domecq. the accident- the lack of progress in the negotiations over its withdrawal

It is believed Allied is a candidate to join the demerger bandwagon. There seems littie to unite its extensive spirit operatioos with its ice cream to pub retailiog side. Sir

Christopher Hogg, new chair-man, is famed for splitting Courtaulds into two standalooe companies, chemicals and textiles. The market believes his salvation at Allied will be to follow a similar course, breaking the group into re-tailing and spirit businesses and selling the half share in the Carlsberg Tetley brewing side.

The rest of the market had a going-nowhere session - the FT-SE 100 index, after a few unconviocing spurts, ended 1.8 points down at 3,753.4. To-morrow's US employment fig-

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lid on trading.

Utilities were ruffled by fears of a windfall tax following the Independent's disclosure of under-spending by the elec-tricity, gas and water companies. The Government's decision not to send the US bid for Midlands Electricity to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission lifted the target's shares 17p to 442p. PowerGen, the generator blocked from buying an electricity distributor, speot more of its surplus cash completing the 10 per cent buy-in of its own sbares, mop-

of the year as the last apparent hurdle was cleared for its 100p-a-share special dividend. The Scottish groups, under pressure from the regulator over prices, were dull, with Scottish Power. pondering its bid for Southern Wa-

ter, off 9p at 309p. Lucas Industries motored 8p to 254p as BBA decided to break its silence and say it was after all contemplating a hid that would put the brakes on the proposed merger with Varity of the US.

A counter-bid bad been widely expected but there are clearly serious doubts whether

clients another bidder lurks, with German groups such as Mannesmann (possibly in con-jucction with TI Group) the most likely to barge into the cosy Lucas/Varity deal. BBA fell 21.5p to 295.5p, a two-day

fall of 32.5p.

Blenheim, the exhibitions group, duly confirmed a takeover approach and the shares jumped 70p to 409p. Allders added 16p to 216p on the growing interest in its duty-

Imperial Chemical Indus-tries was unchanged at 851 p as Salomon Brothers said buy and Morgan Crucible rose
15p to 447p with Credit Lyonnais Laing suggesting a rerating with profits of £98m this
year and £122m in 1998.

Barclays managed a fur-ther 7.5p gain to 781.5p fol-lowing its analysts' briefings. with NatWest Securities rais-

analysts' meetings, rose 3.5p to 157.5p, Tesco, up 8p at 313.5p, continued to draw strength from its move into financial

Tom Cobleigh, the managed pubs chain, jumped 20p to 250p. Its main venture capitalist backer, European Acquisition Capital, has found the strength of the shares irresistible and decided to sell its 50 per cent stake. The EAC declaration coincided with stories that the much smaller Surrey Free Iuns, where Whit-

bread has apparently built a 4 per cent stake, intends to bid. Surrey fell 6p to 232p. Capital Radin was little changed ot 696p. After the market closed the French IP group said it intended to sell

group said it intended to set its 19 per cent shareholding.

Caird, the waste disposal group, gained 39p to 288p following a surprisingly strong trading statement which forest in statement with displaced.

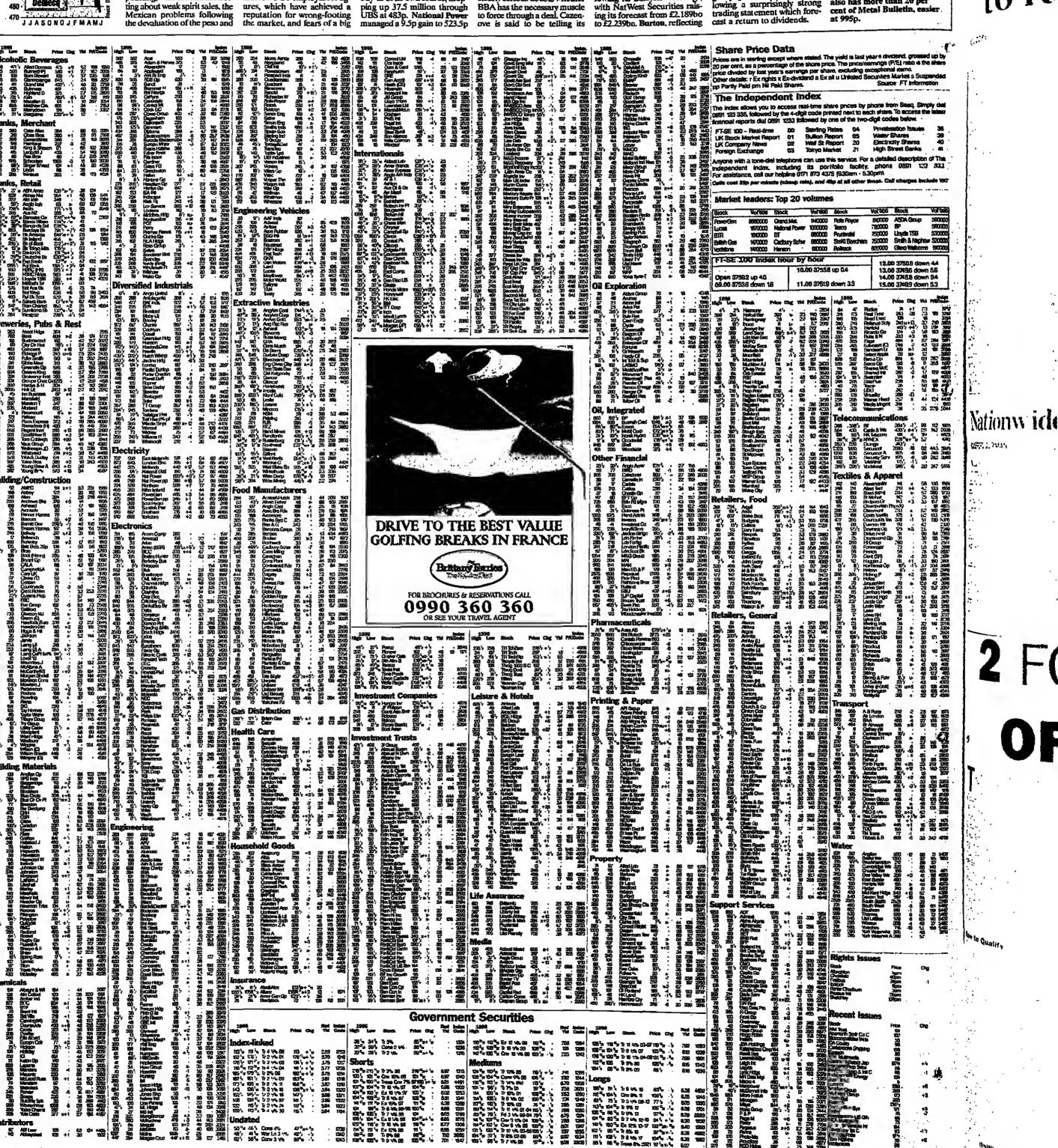
Bluebird, the toys group, is creating interest. The shares gained 27p to 275p af-

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ter 284p.

They have risen 46p in two days reversing a fall from 385p in the past year which saw a share buy-in at more than 300p. There is speculation of a takeover bid from the United States with with one of the leading transatlantic toy makers thought to

☐ Home Counties Newspapers, unchanged at 145p. must be wondering whether its long-term relationship with Emap is about to end. The newspaper group has 24.5 per cent of Home Counties, a stake which must look decidedly vulnerable following its decision to sell its regional newspapers. Emap also has more than 20 per cent of Metal Bulletin, easier



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# Bid approach sends Blenheim shares soaring

Blenheim Group, the exhibitions company which has experienced wildly fluctuating fortunes in the past five years, was at the centre of bid speculation yesterday after the company said it had received an approach that might lead to an offer.

Blenheim shares soared 70p to 409p as the market settled on United News and Media as the most likely candidate to make a move. Other possibilities inchide Reed Elsevier, Emap or an oversees suitor, possibly from the United States.

If United did succeed with the eal it would be its first acquimits share price on Tuesday. deal it would be its first acquisition since the £3bn merger between United and MAI in February.

The current price values Blenheim at £378m, though any formal offer is likely to be at a far higher price as it would need to be an agreed deal. A third of Blenheim's shares are held by the directors and the French group Companie Generale des Eaux. Some analysis suggested that an offer price could have to be as high as 470p

Blenheim declined to comment further yesterday.

Blenheim has led a rollercoaster existence in recent years. It was one of the market's glamour stocks in the late 1980s and early 1990s when the share flamboyant management, led by current chairman Neville Buch, then claimed the company was recession-proof, a comment that came back to haunt them. Recent years have been littered by profits warnings and After its initial statement, top level departures as the

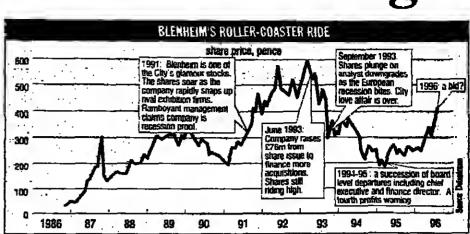
company ran into the downturn. More recently however, there have been signs of improvement and analysts are forecasting profits of £35m.

United News and Media is seen as the most likely predator as it is known to be keen to expand its exhibitions business. price hit 600p. The company's At the time of the United-MAI merger, MAI chairman Lord Hollick indicated that there was scope to expand the group's exhibitions business.

Reed and Emap have looked at Bienheim before but at much lower prices than these. Anthony de Larrinaga, media analyst at

Panmure Gordon said: "The ball is in Lord Hollick's court. Either be can come in quickly with an offer or go away and pretend nothing happened."
United's exhibitions and mag-

azines division, Miller Freeman, nrganised more than 200 exhibitions last year including one of the world's largest, the Asia Pacific Leather Fair. Last year the exhibitions business recorded profits of £24.6m nn sales of £93.6m. It is strongest in the US while Blenheim is a major player in the UK and Europe. Blenheim organised around 200 shows in more than 62 countries last year.



### Jarvis Hotels float to raise £133m

Jarvis Hotels, the mid-market hotels group which specialises in leisure breaks, is to be priced at between 150p and 170p per share when it comes to the stock market later this month. The flotation will raise £133m and value the company at £281m at the mid-market price

However, analysts believe that the popularity of hotel company flotations and the bullish forecasts for the market will push the price and market value towards the top end of the

one analyst said: "You've had the Millennium and Conthorne flotation as well as Macdanald Hotels and others are sure to follow. It is a very opportune time to come to the

Jarvis Hotels operates 62 hotels in the three-star category. It focuses on the business, conference and short-break leisure market and also runs the Sebastian Coe Health Clubs.

The company will use the fresh funds to reduce its £112m debts to £60m. This will cut gearing from 182 per cent to 29 per cent. Management, led by founder John Jarvis and David Thomas, plan to add around

600 bedrooms to the existing 5,000. Acquisitions are also

Jarvis was created in 1990 following a management buy-in of the 41 Embassy Hotels from Allied Breweries. Its second large deal was the purchase of 20 hotels from Resort Hotels in

The group's occupancy levels are relatively low at 64 per cent, though the company says this is improving from a low base under previous owners. Its room rates have improved from £36 to £39 in the last year.

Mr Thomas did not give specific details in current trading but said it was "encouraging".

Last year the company made
pre-tax profits of £9m on sales
of £102m.

Three quarters of the company's equity is owned by the venture capital groups Can-dover and Electra, which are selling a third of their holdings. Chief executive John Jarvis is selling almost a million shares, which will net him £1.4m. David Thomas, deputy chief executive, is selling 330,000 shares which will raise £500,000.

Jarvis has timed its flotation well as the hotels industry is kindly viewed by investors at the moment and forecasts are for strong product demand. Pannel

Kerr Forster is predicting century. As relatively little new capacity is being added to the market, this will benefit the existing operators. Additionally, demographics are on the side of companies such as Jarvis, which operate the kind of leisure breaks that are popular with older age-groups. Stakis, the hotels company which reported results earlier this week, says some of its customers take 17 such breaks a

Mr Thomas confirmed the optimistic view: "It's a good, up-beat market at the moment. Demand is continuous and there is relatively little new capacity.

The pricing values the com-pany on a historic price/earnings ratio of 16. This is not considered cheap but is more competitive than the Millennium and Copthorne listing which was heavily over-subscribed.

The Jarvis listing is a placing with 10 per cent of the share reserved for intermediaries who have until 20 June to register their applications, Six share shops are handling the issue on behalf of smaller shareholders. including ShareLink in Birmingham. Dealings in the shares are expected to commence on

### Nationwide ends bonus hopes

Nationwide, the standard-bearer of mutual building societies, dashed any hopes its members may have had of a windfall honus yesterday and renewed its commitment to paying "internal dividends" in the shape of higher savings rates for investors and cheaper mortgages for

It also reported a 33 per cent leap in profits to £459m in the year to 4 April, helped by a 19 per cent drop in bad debt provisions to £124m, a further in cost control for the eighth year in a row, and an

Helped mainly by a campaign to attract more business through intermediaries, new lending recovered by 37 per cent, even excluding the acquisition of the UCB Home Loans loan book. The margin between rates charged to borrowers and rates paid out to savers widened slightly in the society's favour from 2.41 per cent to 2.45 per cent and net interest receivable rose by 6 per cent to £907m.

But other income fell by a quarter to £146m, reflecting a fall in income from insurance commissions caused by the its members in the current year.

upturn in market share after tough competition in the was actually static at £1.05bn. But the society's administrative costs fell by 7 per cent to £469m and the ratio of costs to income dipped to 44.5 per cent, which is four points below the average of the top 10 societies. Eight years previously it was 65.2 per cent, and significantly above the average for the top 10 societies.

The outlook remains good, and should ensure that Nationwide will uphold its promise to pay out £200m worth of internal dividends to

### Racal remains on track to offer jam tomorrow

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal Electronics and member of the Jockey Club, has spens a lifetime taking big bets in business that have largely come good. Having seen off a bid for Racal from Cable & Wireless in 1988, he despatched a hostile bid from the Williams conglomerate three years later by spinning off the mobile phone group Vodafone and demerg-ing the Chubb security operations.

Shorn of its main money-spinners and left with a rag-bag of under-performing data communications and defence systems, the Racal rump was thought to be worth next to nothing by some analysts. In the event Racal's profits and share price have galloped ahead, helped in part by a series of acquisitions. The latest, the £133m purchase of British Rail Telecoms, is already reaping considerable rewards for Racal. It made a maiden contribution of £7.6m to group pre-tax profits 21 per cent higher at £70.4m in the year to March.

BRT allows Racal to use its 16,000km network rather than lease lines from BT. And BRT has its own in-built customer base in the shape of newly-privatised Railtrack, the owner of the railway's signals, tracks and stations which account for the bulk of BRT's revenues. BRT also puts Racal in a better position to compete for lucrative husiness communications contracts and prestige projects.

Racal has been lucky in other areas

as well, most appropriately in gambling. which makes up a quarter of group profits. The biggest windfall has come from the group's 22.5 per cent stake in National Lottery operator Camelot, which chipped in profits of £15.2m.

But not all of Sir Ernest's charges are in such good form. Indeed, the shares slipped back 16p to 304p on news that Racal was taking a £20m restructuring charge to cover the costs of getting data products, part of the data communications division, back into the black in 1997-98. A factory in up to 180 jobs, US manufacturing activities are being consolidated on a site in Fort Lauderdale and 17 standalone businesses are coming together.

The potential swing at data products. which lost about £20m last year, could be £35m if Paul Kozlowski, the division's new US boss, presses the right buttons. Shareholders should not hold their breath. For despite its recent success, Racal is developing a reputation for promising jam tomorrow. For example, the Ministry of Defence is not expected to award the £2bn Bowman army radio contract until 1998, a year later than expected. Racal has no choice but to continue funding half the THE INVESTMENT COLUMN EDITED BY MAGNUS GRIMOND

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£100m cost of the project, leading to hefty over-runs. House broker NatWest Securities has pared back its 1997 profplying a PE ratio of 18. High enough.

#### Waddington sheds the losers

John Waddington's fame amongst the general public has always been as maker of Monopoly, the board game, but the City knows it better for its unerring ability in seek out banana skins. The games husiness is long gone and the company must be hoping that its latest set of results means it can also dump its accident-prone reputation.

The figures were disturted by acquisitions and disposals over the past two years. Stated pre-tax profits fell from £53.3m to £11.9m in the year to March, but the previous year included a £30.8m gain on the sale of the games business, while there was a to prove that it can win work from big £13.8m loss on disposals in the latest customers like Unilever and Nestlé, period, mostly the Plastona plastic moving to pan-European sourcing to

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food cartons operation. The sale of Plastona should remove the last of Waddington's underperformers and give an immediate boost to results by eliminating trading losses that deep-ened from £1.7m to £2.4m last year.

Elsewhere, the plastic plates and cut-lery side, badly affected by recent raw material price increases, did well to raise profits by a third to £7.3m last year. Pharmaceutical packaging - pill boxes and the like - is another star. Boosted by last year's IP Container purchase in the US, which chipped in the bulk of last year's 2.34m contribution from acquisitions, profits soared from £2.46m to £6.11m. The continued trend to so-called sell-medication and over-the-counter medicines suggests the future is set fair for this division.

More questionable is whether the specialist printing operation, mainly involved in direct marketing to the financial services industry, can sustain its current growth once the bonm io building society consolidations and Outations passes. Waddington also has

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justify its investment in capacity, which is 15 per cent surplus to require-ments. The omens are reasonable, with two orders already secured, but at num-

ber 10 in the European pecking order, Waddington may have to work hard. Profits of £30m this year would put the shares, up 6p at 248p, on a very reasonable forward multiple of 12. That could prove reasonable value, but investors should proceed with caution.

#### Powerscreen beats doldrums

Powerscreen International, a maker of screening and crushing equipment, is a rare and largely unsung success story from Northern Ireland. In the last five years, the group has more than tripled turnover and more than doubled earnings per share.

That has taken pre-tax profits to £36m in the 12 months to March, up 24 per cent on the previous year, on turnover increased by nearly a third to

sparkling results were achieved despite recession in Germany and the continued doldrums of the UK construction industry.

The secret of Powerscreen's success is its strong market positions in portable equipment, where it com-mands around 40 per cent of the world market for screening plant and holds the leading position in the manufacture of crushers in Europe. This has allowed it to cash in on the increased importance attached to maximising utilisation of land-fill sites in the wake of

ever tightening planning restrictions.

Powerscreen reckons that it can add between 30 and 40 per cent to the value of waste by, for instance, crushing demolition waste on site, screening out reusable materials and in the process reducing the space required to dispose of the residue of unusable

Meanwhile, the portability of Powerscreen's equipment also gives it an edge for quarry operators, who are in-creasingly being limited by planning rules to the time during which they can operate sites, making it uneconomical to install fixed plant.

The company reckons the UK market alone is growing at between 25 and 30 per cent and it also sees further scope for growth in the US, Continental Europe and Asia Pacific. Group profits close to £12m this year

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would put the shares at 467p, down 4p, nn a forward multiple of 13. Good value, even after their strong run over

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Copycat (certificate 18), starring Signourney Weaver and Holly Hunter, is a classic suspense thriller about a race against time to find and stop an obsessed serial killer on the loose in San

From Dusk Till Dawn (certificate 18), tells the story of the notorious Gecko Brothers (George Clooney & Quentin Tarantino), two of America's most dangerous criminals, who are on the run from the Texas police and the FBI after a crime spree through the Southwest. Also starring are Harvey Keitel and Juliette Lewis.

In Muppet Treasure Island (certificate U), the Muppets are back and ready to cast off and set sail on their zaniest adventure ever, as they encounter pirates, buried treasure and some angry warthogs, in Walt Disney Pictures' all-new, live-action, musical feature.

Spy Hard (certificate PG), stars Leslie Nielsen as Agent WD-40, a.k.a. Steele - Dick Steele in a comedy of highvoltage adventure, high-tech gadgetry and lowbrow hu-

PG), six year old Andy's toys bave a life of their own when left alone. Led by Andy's favourite toy Woody, the fearless pull-string cowboy doll, the toys live a quiet life of dedication to their master. All this is thrown into jeopardy on Andy's birthday, the most dreaded day in the life of a toy, when the fear of being replaced by another toy can become a reality.

Primal Fear (certificate

18), stars Richard Gere as the arrogant and successful criminal defence attorney Martin Vail. He loves a good fight and the media spotlight, both of which he knowingly invites when he volunteers to represent a young man accused of murder. The victim is one of Chicago's most prominent dignitaries, and the defen-dant's guilt seems as evident as the blood found splattered on his clothes. However Vail does not concern himself with questions of guilt or innocence, all he cares about is winning.





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### Hard figures for a software-driven economy

It is a core part of conventional wis-dom that investment is all-important for an economy's potential rate of growth. There are some ways in which this is so obvious it hardly needs stating. It is pretty obvious, for example, that British manufacturers have invested too little, as industry soon runs into capacity constraints when growth picks up. The rate of growth that can be sustained without triggering inflation is lower than it would have been with higher manufacturing investment.

According to economic theory, however, traditional physical investment is not all that important for an economy's long-term growth. Pro-fessor Robert Solow of the Massachussetts Institute of Technology famously discovered that only a fifth of the improvement in output per head in the US could he explained by higher levels of capital.

Far more important is investment in technology and humans - or "know-what" and "know-how". As these are more intangible than factories, they are the least likely to be measured and included in official

investment figures. Take computer software, for example. This is a key investment in new information technologies and a crucial method of extending knowledge. Spending on software is also high and growing rapidly. According to the Computing Services and Software Association, members' revenues were more than £7.1bn in 1994, £1bn higher than the previous year, and up from £1.3bn in 1985.

But unlike the physical computer casings, software is not yet included in the national accounts definition of

This will change in time for the new



ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

have to publish estimates of investment in computer software. The Office for National Statistics plans to start in 1999, and will also publish historical data, leading to upward revisions in earlier estimates of GDP.

The US aiready includes software spending in its investment figures. These show that the share of investment in information processing in total investment has climbed fairly steadily from 18 per cent in 1981 to 41 per cent in the latest quarter. The City bank Kleinwort Benson, esti-

pean directive, EU countries will all dustry had a share in GDP of 1.2 per cent in 1990, and this can be assumed

to be rising. There are two particular reasons why software spending in particular will surge during the rest of this century. One is the year 2000 problem. Most computers in use, which use a two-digit abbreviation for the year. will need reprogramming to make sure they do not turn the clock back

#### The OECD estimates more than half of its members' GDP is 'knowledge-based'

information processing category is mates that British computer users currently growing at an annual rate of about 20 per cent and rising, com-pared with about 5 per cent and

falling for total investment. So far the Office for National Statistics here has produced only estimates of the output of the computer industry, hardware and software combined. It also attaches a serious health warning to these because it is not clear that the available price figures fully reflect the extent of price

discounting and reductions. However, noting the warning, computer industry output has grown at an average of 9.2 per cent a year since 1988, compared with average

might have to spend £5bn during the next few years to tackle this problem. (He cites the forward-looking state of Nebraska, which has announced a two cent tax on every packet of cig-arettes sold in the state from July 1997 to help fund its own \$31m pre-millennium computer hill.)

This spending alone, on top of any existing software spending, could add (1.1 per cent a year to GDP when the ONS includes it in the investment figures, Mr Owen predicts.

This calculation excludes any other increase in software spending. But there are likely to be other boosts too. For instance, the City of London is

trading systems for the introduction of the euro from 1 January 1999. Even if Britain does not join, London will have to be able to trade in

the new European currency. Besides, it is clear that the role computers play in the industrialised economies will carry on increasing. A forthcoming report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development looks at the available figures to assess the spread of information technologies. It estimates that more than half of GDP in member countries is "knowledgebased". Spending on software, now bigger than purchases of hardware, has been growing by 12 per cent a year since the mid-1980s, according to the OECD's figures. Trade in technology-related services increased by a fifth between 1985 and 1993. World-wide, the Internet gets 160,000

new users a month. Despite the availability of such statistics, it is intrinsically hard to measure the increase in an economy's knowledge hase, its real investment in technology and human capital. Technical advances in information technology in particular take many forms: new products, small changes in old products, new combinations, new connections in people's minds about how to use them. The spread of technology and knowledge is very diffuse and easily crosses national boundaries. Even reliable figures on software spending would not re-veal who was using the programmes and how. Some surveys have made a stab at measuring such innovation by asking firms about their sources of information and equipment and whom they co-operate with. But findings are preliminary.

Similarly with human capital, it is

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years most people spend in educa-tion, or firms' spending on training. Yet this does not directly show how much they know and how effective-

ly they use it in their work.

The OECD concludes: "The relationship between the creation of knowledge and economic growth is still virtually unmapped. In many respects the knowledge-based economy remains more of a concept than a measurable entity."

This is not to say that it is not worth improving the available figures, as the who have been trained to do specif-

ONS intends to do. Nor does it mean that it is impossible to draw any sensible policy conclusions. It is now standard to call for better education and training, and the Labour Party in par-ticular has made this a centrepiece of its long-term economic policies. Indeed, it appears to be groping towards an updated version of the "white heat of technology" enthusiasm for the in-

However, what a "knowledge-

formation age.

ic things - use one type of software programme, say. Knowledge workers need to learn how to learn and how to be creative. As the OECD puts it, in economists' language: "Individuals must upgrade their skills in both codified and tacir knowledge continuously so as to keep up with fast-moving technologies." Perhaps they will eventually be clever enough to measure what they are doing.

Source: OECD

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Netherlands	26493	66-59	197-164	17113	35-32	107-102	1,1190
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Norway	10121	110-64	329-233		42-17	110-60	42749
Spain	20046	26-36	72-69	12948	23-27	64-72	846662
Sweden	10,411	9-15	23-34	6.7249	98-123	260-310	43974
Switzerland	19431	66-58	196-184	12551	37-34	113-107	0.8207
Australia*	19507	20-31	67-85	12599	19-21	54-56	0.8239
Hong Kong	11978	101-61	224-170	7,7370	2-12	15-35	5.0592
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### German economic winter shows first signs of thaw

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Although you might oeed a microscope to spot them, the green shoots of recovery are becoming visible in Germany, raising hopes that the slump of recent mooths would, as the government predicted, be

Figures released yesterday by the German Economic Ministry show that industrial output bounced back in April by a seasonally adjusted 1.4 per cent, fuelled largely by a powerful surge in the building sector. In the former East Germany, construction activity expanded by 13.2 per cent, although it registered little change in the west. Improving performance was reflected in the jobless figures. Seasonally adjusted unemploy-meot fell by 62,000 to 3.93 mil-

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Nevertheless, Gunter Reprodt, the Economics Minister, warned yesterday that the "growth pause", as the government describes its mini-recession, may not have run its full course. "But the



Wage moderation in many areas give us hope the economy will come out of its weak phase and return to growth in the medium term," Mr Rexroct said.

Most economists agree that Germany has been in the middle of an M-shaped curve, with growth inevitably resuming after six months in the doldrums. So far, the cycle is on target. The Federal Statistics Office confirmed yesterday that the economy had shrunk in the first quarter of this year, following a downturn in the last quarter of 1995. By Anglo-Saxon stan-dards, two successive quarters of negative growth add up to a recession, but Bonn insists on a

less rigorous definition. Either way, the government had budgeted for stagnation, and received instead a 0.5 per ceot fall in the two successive quarters. The discrepancy is blamed on the long, hard win-ter, which froze the building sector. The question is whether the

tributed to the sunny weather or to economic recovery.

The government points to an improving economic climate, especially the falling mark and interest rates that are almost at a historic low, as evidence of a fundamental shift in industry's favour. Destocking, which sup-pressed demand through the winter, also seems to be over.

But whether all these circumstances will add up to a surge that will make up for the losses of the last six months is a subject of heated debate among economists. Official forecasts for this year's overall growth rate have been revised downwards several times, to a paltry 0.5-0.9 per cent.

Next year's performance will be crucial. Anything less than the 2 per cent forecast by the government would leave a large shortfall in reveoue, thwarting German efforts to meet the Maastricht criteria for Euro-



Looking for an end to recession: Günter Rexport, the Economics Minister (right), believes the 'growth pause' may not be over

#### CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

### A black day for white tie at Lord Mayor's banquet

The Lord Mayor's dinner at the Banqueting House for the Chancellor and the City's great and good will never be the same again. The organisers have dropped the traditional requirement for white tie from next week's function, and henceforward guests will dress in the much less fancy, but more convenient, black tie.

Sources say there was a mini-rebellion by City bigwigs, sick and tired of the time sken to hire the white tie outfits, and then to put the outfits on, shirt studs and all. Whatever oext - chicken in the basket washed down with pints of Boddingtons? It is certainly bad news for Moss Bros, which tents the gear out i claims the slack will be taken

up by guests hiring black tie. But surely many own their own black tie gear? A Moss Bros spokesman said: "We find that quite a lot of business people doo't own black tie suits – like politicians. their waist sizes expand and contract at a rate of knots, so they prefer to hire a suit each time." Ken Clarke's waistline to contract? Perish the thought.

Business people should have at least "a swift half" at lunchtime. Forget that fizzy mineral water. Changes in drinking habits have hit the brewing and pub trade hard in recent years, says John Young, chairman of the South London brewer Young's. "We have had a good year in difficult trading circumstances but it would have been better had the giant American company.

it not been all work and oo play for an increasing number

of people."

Mr Young is positively lyrical about the beoefits of a luochtime tipple in tackling stress and recharging the batteries after a hard morning's work. Driving a dray horse and brewer's cart through most businesses' policies oo drinking, he concludes: Companies would do better to combat stress in the work-

place by educating their staff m sensible drinking rather than stopping drinking alto-gether, especially as it is now recognised that a drop of heer does you good." Speaking as a journalist, I

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal Electronics, clearly agrees with Mr Young. In fact yesterday the electronics boss went one step better. After announcing Racal's results. Mr Harrisoo ordered a glass of white wine - at 11.30 in the morning. Bottoms up!

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ING Barings has sent us a news release on a forthcoming seminar in London and Edinburgh to discuss investment opportunities – in Singapore. The meetings will be organised by the Singapore Stock Exchange. I was trying to think of a suitable slogan for the seminar. How about "Your investment can go down by £860m as well as up." Considering Barings' former investment in Nick Leeson's activities in Singapore, this must be the ultimate triumph of optimism over experience.

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### Rough ride lies ahead for Walton

Golf

TIM GLOVER eports from Meriden

One of the perks of sponsoring a tournament is that you get to play in the pro-am, usually with the professional of your choice. Thus, for the Alamo English Open which starts here at the Forest of Arden course today. one or two of the car-rental company's executives teed off yesterday with Philip Walton, the defending champion and

Ryder Cup hero. However, there were some red faces at the red-letter day as Walton, unimpressed with the condition of the course, decelared: "The pro-am should have been called off." For the most part, the European Tour has been bedevilled with wretched weather this season. but yesterday, the Forest of Arden was hathed in sunshine.

Walton's argument was that the pro-am (a vital source of income to the tournament) should have been sacrificed to protect the vulnerable greens. Not only are they prone to spike marks. hut, horror of horrors, the amateur players neglected to repair

their pitch marks.
"None of them do," the Irishman said, incredulously. "Not the guys I played with anyway. I just went round on my hands and knees all day, I was like the pheasants out there, plucking away." As pheasant pluckers go, there are few more pleasant than Walton, whose victory here 12

months ago, when he defeated Colin Montgomerie in a sud-den-death play-off, helped to propel him into the Ryder Cup team. At Oak Hill, in Rochester, the Duhliner, of course, se-cured his place in history by de-feating Jay Haas on the last hole to scal Europe's triumph.

The year so far has been an anticlimax for Walton, who has missed more cuts than he has

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made. "You shouldn't dwell on the past," he said, "The trouble is I'm not making any putts. I'll only change my putter when I break it." He might be testing its mettle this week, and if the Forest of Arden cuts up rough, Monty will be in the dock.

As part of his contract with Marriott, the owners of the course, Montgomerie has made a few changes. For one thing, the rough is much heavier than normally witnessed on the Tour, but it should help to acclimatise Monty, and others who are playing in the US Open next week, with the sort of conditions they can expect to encounter in Oakland Hills, Detroit.

"The course looks fahulous and plays like a tournament course." said Montgomerie. who finished runner-up in the Deutsche Bank Open in Hamhurg last week. "It is as tough a layout as we will find in Europe. People are blaming me for it. You have to hit the fairways, that's paramount

"It serves a good purpose for the US Open and that's the whole point. My amateur partners found it very difficult, but this course has not been set up for amateurs." Even some of the pros are about to discover that to win the Alamo will take a siege mentality.

Lancashire's Paul Eales will

be joining Europe's challenge in the US Open after coming through the qualifying rounds in America at the third attempt. Eales, who missed out by a single shot last year, scored rounds of 69 and 72 at Tenafly. New Jersey, to qualify for Oakland Hills with one stroke to spare. However, the former Open and US Masters champion Sandy Lyle, taking part in a qualifying competition for the first time since his days as an amateur, failed to get through. His fellow Scot Andrew Coltart abandoned his attempt to qualify after going to the wrong course.

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RUGBY UNION: Injuries increase tourists' woes as lapses lead to defeats



Warwick Waugh, of New South Wales, (right) wins the line-out ball from Wales's Michael Voyle in Sydney as the hosts emerged 27-20 victors Photograph: Reuter

Muir makes Scots suffer

Waikato Scotland

Scotland, seeking to get their troubled tour back on course in Hamilton after a poor performance against Northland and a

training ground hrawl, were denied the victory they deserved by a last-minute try from the Waikato No 8, Dion Muir. It was a cruel blow for the Scots, who had led from early on. To add to their problems, the winger Derek Stark and Damon Cronin are doubtful for the Test against the All Blacks on 15 June. Stark injured a hamstring as he was tap-tackled on his way to scoring a try and Cronin suf-fered bruised ribs.

"It is unbelievably disap-pointing for us," Rob Wain-wright, the captain, said. "We have to win here in New Zealand to get credibility."

Jim Telfer, the team manager, said: "After we huilt up a lead, we went into a comfort zone. We let them score 14 points in the last five minutes."

A vastly improved Scotland took the game to Waikato with aggressive forward play and adroit running by the backs. They were rewarded with tries by Gregor Townsend and Stark. Kenny Logan, who replaced Stark, marked his appearance with a second-half try.

scored by the full-back, Rowen Shepherd, from a move that started with a hreak from Townsend. Ian Jardine made the running, but it was Ian Smith who delivered the scoring pass. However, while Scotland

scored four tries, they allowed Waikato to run in five touchdowns. Waikato's earlier efforts by Matthew Cooper, Duane Monkley and John Waiters had shown what their play-ers have gained by playing in Super 12. Wayne Warlow led the final chase with a superb touchdown which, with Cooper's conversion, narrowed Scotland's ead to three points.

Then, from a line-out close to the Scotland line, the former All Blacks lock Steve Gordon tapped the ball to Muir on a peel round the front of the line and the No 8 squeezed in at the

and the No 8 squeezed in at the Corner for the decisive try. Wallstor Tries Coper, Mondey, Mur. Wallstow, Wallstow Coper, Mondey, Mur. Wallstow, Wallstow, Coper 4. Penatties Copper 2. Scotland: Tries Logan, Snepherd 3. Penatties Snepherd 3. Penatties Snepherd 3. Wallstob: 8 Reshanc; W Jernmits, W Warlow, M Cooper, J Wallsto; 1 Foster, R Duggar; C Stevenson, G Srath, M Drive, 2 Gordon (cand. 7 Herni, D Colemen, D Mult, II Morfely, Replacements: J Spice, E Martin, B Meiung, R Krite, M Coffins, B Foote.
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STUART ALEXANDER reports from Quiberon

In a relentless hid to maintain race sharpness over the last six weeks before the Olympic Games, Ben Ainslie was reassuringly on course yesterday to add the European Laser crown to his CV here in Brittany. He was leading the 108-strong fleet from 32 countries

with two wins and a fourth from the three races, and he was unlucky not to be able to count another win, made invalid when racing was abandoned

on Tuesday.

The high pressure which has brought summer to northern Europe has also brought a dearth of wind, leaving the organisers at France's impressively equipped National Sailing Cen-

tre the task of trying to run three races to make the cut between gold and silver fleets today.

Ainslie, at 19 Britain's youngest ever sailing Olympian, is clearly pleased with having half a dozen of his Savannah rivals in his wake. "You need to practise, otherwise you lose your lead to quickly, especially in the Laser where a speed edge is so important," he said. "It's about being there in your head and keeping your judgement."

While other athletes are adjusting their

justing their programmes to tapered training. Ainslie plans to return to South Carolina, just north of where he has been training for a month in Georgia, to contest the Mumm Beach Classes Regatta at Hilton Head. First. though, he needs a calm, clean victory in the Europeans to put behind him the upset in April at the world championship in South Africa where he had to be content with

bronze. Britain's Eurolymp regatta at Hayling Island next week has all but been abandoned through lack of entries, but the 470 European Championship, with John Merricks and Ian Walker as favourites, goes ahead.

### Bowring draws comfort from Welsh fightback

New South Wales

Wales

Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said his team were finally coming to grips with the pace and intensity of the game in Australia after a much grittier showing against New South Wales than in the humiliation against ACT.

With three days to go before the first Test against Australia, Bowring was naturally accentuating the positive as much as he could, "We are starting to play for the whole game," he said. "We were pressing them right up to the final whistle. We competed to the end and dug deep in defence. There is more self-belief and we are building in confidence

Fears that Sunday's 69-30 hammering at the hands of ACT would see Wales crumble again were dismissed with a second-half performance that will have done morale a power of good. "We fought back with pride and character, though we again got over eager on a couple of occasions and we need a bit more control," Bowring said.

unforced errors because when you lose possession here, they punish you severely. But there was an improvement in our quality of play. We are running in tries and creating other chances

The latest injury worries for Wales centre on flankers Emyr Lewis (neck) and Gwyn Jones (groin), But Jones, playing his first

game of the tour after recov-ering from hamstring trouble, dismissed any suggestion he would be ruled out of the international, where his speed to the breakdown will be crucial.

"I was feeling a hit stiff, so I came off as a precaution," he

Wales left it too late to give NSW ago, a 14-point deficit after 53 minutes leaving them with too much to do. But after a solitary Arwel Thomas penalty in the first half, they improved considerably on the resumption. They scored two excellent tries - from centre Nigel Davies, who had a mar-vellous match and the ever-alert winger Icuan Evans - to match

NSW try for try. However, they know they

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New South Wales: T Velaher; G Bond, J Madz, R Tombs, M Miller; P Welster, A Elect. A Heath, M Bell, A Blades, W Waugh, J Welborn, W Othiengaue, T Gawin (capt), S Talbot, WALES: C Commack (Portypndd), N Davies (Llanelli), C Thomas (Portypndd), A Thomas (Llanelli), D James (Bridgand); A Thomas (Swansed), A Moore (Richmond); A Lewis (Cardiff), A Welliams (Neoth), L Mestoe Azatiff), M Veyle (Newport), G Llanelliy Herioquins, capt), E Lawis (Cardiff), S Williams (Neoth), G Jones (Llanelli), R Replacessants: K Jones (Ebow Veig) for G Jones 62; A Glibbs (Newbridge) for E Lewis 76; C Loader (Swansea) for A Lewis 76,

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### \* Epsom in a call to the multitude

Saturday's Derby has a tough task in attracting crowds. Greg Wood reports

For a millionaire sports fan been halved, from £20 down to with a helicopter and a full tank £10. of petrol, this weekend has the potential to be the experience of a lifetime. On Saturday, you could catch the opening session of the First Test between England and India at Edgbaston in Birmingham, fly 10 Epsom for the Derby at 2.25pm, and then make a swift exit towards Weinbley with just enough time to spare to catch the Euro '96 kickoff between England and Switzerland.

The problem for the organisers of these events, of course, is that the average sports fan does not have such resources at their disposal, and in Britain this Saturday the competition for the pound in their pockets is fiercer than over before.

Wemhley sold out before Christmas, those who must sell tickets for the alternative attractions have been forced, to a greater or lesser extent, to react to the challenge of the Friday, and if people want to country's most important sporting event for 30 years.

The threat has been feit most keenly at Epsom, which has gone so far as to move the Derby, which far pre-dates both international cricket and football, from its traditional place in mid-afternoon. The world's on offer. If, as seems likely, pomost famous Classic will now be tential racegoers open their the second race on Saturday's curtains on Saturday morning card, sandwiched between two handicaps, to permit both television viewers and racegoers, should they so wish, to devote the remainder of the afternoon to football.

Diamond-vision screens at Epsom will show England's being there. For those without match unless a race is actually in progress, while other televisions around the course will not som is little different - and even make that small concession

to the racing. Admission prices have also been cut, from £50 to £40 in the Club enclosure, while the competition which confronts change to bring a car and as the Derby may have rather less many passengers as it can hold effect than the pessimists might

In one respect, the Derby beats all its competitors ont of sight. While Wemhley tickets cost between £25 and £75 and those at Edgbaston from £13 to £35, it is still possible to watch the Derby from the Downs for free, while entry to three of the enclosures costs £10 or less.

None the less, the attendance figures will be of considerable interest to those who feet that the Derby belongs on a Wednesday, and despite the counter-attractions, a significant increase on tast year's total of 56,000 will be required if the switch to Saturday is to be considered a success.

At Edgbaston, Dennis Amiss, ercer than ever before. Warwickshire's chief executive,
While England's match at has few such worries. "We're very pleased at the way ticket sales are going," he said yes-terday. "We've sold around 18,000 of our 20,000 capacity and we should have 15,000 on watch the football, we've probahly got more televisions at the ground than the local shop has for sale,"

The most important factor affecting attendance at Epsom, however, may have nothing to do with the sporting alternatives to find that a fine day is in prospect, the crowds, particularly on the exposed Downs and cheaper enclosures, could swell significantly.

For a true sports fan, after all, there can be no substitute for a Wembley ticket, watching the football on a television at Epmight indeed be rather more atmospheric - than watching from

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ELINERS FREST TIDES: Astrail Invader (6.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: CD Super Targeting (4.30) wen at Bath on Friday; Merrie Le Bow (6.00) won at Lingfield on Saturday.

LONG-DEFIANCE EUNINERS: The Noble Oak (5.00) has been sent 137 miles by M Bolton from Strewton, Wikabire.

#### 2.00 ALBERT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £3,915

1	04	BANNERET (USA) (17) (E 8 8 W V Robins) Lord Huntington 9 0	Roki
2		Choos of Valous (P C J Daby) J Toler 9 0	S Sandara (
3	0520-	DIAMOND BENCH (226) (Rey Richards) 8 Hills 8 0	B Thousana 3
4	33-0523	LICHEL EDWARDS (6) (Richest Green (Fine Patrangs)) P Cole 9 0	
5		MENEPES BEAU (Blandford Thoroughbrads) J Toller 8 O	D Harrison :
8	053-	MUHANDAM (284) (Shelkh Ahmed Al Maktourn) 8 Hanbury 8 0	W Thysus
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В	05-243	STATE OF CRUTION (19) (George Ward) J Duniop 80	Pat Edday
9	0	ALL STAND (15) (Major P.G. Pusinelli) Major O Chappell 8 9	A Clark
10	00	BOMBAY SAPPHERE (29) (P 7 Teamorin) R Hannon 88	Dens Office (3)
11	0	COVERNANCE (51) (B J Kelyl K McAulille 89	M Recov (5)
12	002220-	LUCKY REVENCE (274) (Stephen Boviese) Margo Mende 8.9	R Hards (S)

FORM GUIDE

STATE OF CAUTION is a half-brother to winners, including the smart speedster Poyle George, and he holds the aces in this maiden on the belance of his form, including in handicaps. He led until the Brail 50 yards against Rogal Archive in a Remiption melden (70 in April and has since made the frame in a handicaps, at Beverley and hars, He was third of 12 to King Of Peru in a handicap over the course and distance 16 days ago. Lillayd danger Diamened Beach is out of a dom who won nine races in the USA and his four-length second to insatiable in a saven-furiory Newcestle melden in September was resonable form, as was bis preceding fifth of 25 to Sovereights Crown over the Newbury six, He was odds-on at Lakester on his final juvenite start but sturnibled soon after the stant and could never recover. Madester, to his final juvenite start but sturnibled soon after the stant and could never recover. Madester, though tending to carry his head high. Cross Of Valour is one of two James Toller newcorners to consider. He is by Never So Bold out of Geoff Huffler's winning handicap spinier X-Data and has already been galded. Sublemate Memphila Bossa is a well-related son of Beltad Rock and has also been gelded.

#### 2.30 MORTAR MILL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m Penalty Value £4,464

1	23-5303	THALDANAR CLED (W CEROTE O WARRING 4 9 13	W Carro
2	3/23-23	SPEED TO LEAD (41) (BF) (Buckeyn Oak Holdings) H Coor 4 9 10	Pat Edday
5	01400-6	MOR'S FLUTTER (12) (W1M Peny) O Elements 794	A Procts
4	101-002	EN VACANCES (18) (D) (Lambourn Valley Racing) A Foster 4 9 4	S Sender
5	362033-	SUPPLEME STAR (USA) (190) D J Whelen) P Heriger 5 9 0	Dens C'Nell (3
6	6001-00	BOLIVAR (S) (BEL Leasure Limited) R Aliaburst 4 85	T Quien 4
7	00/03-12	SHEMPF (12) (0) (BP) (Christopher P.) Brown) J Hills 5 8 2	
8	20-6501	GRANBY BELL (8) (H A Winton) P Hayward 5 7 13 (Sed	N Heary (5)
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FORM GUIDE

SPEED TO LEAD has yet to win a race, but has been placed on all tive starts and it is possible she needs a bit of kindness from the trandrapper who has continued to case her allother creditable efforts to be second to Progression at Newmarket and Darter at Sendown. The latter effort shows that two robes is within her compass and a similar level of form could be good enough against these exposed-looking opponents. En Vincences looked guisy when winning two males at Nottingfarm and Newbury least autumn and she noughed Thatjenish out of second place in Rocky Forum's Newbury herdicals lest month. (Gramby Bell eighth), Given that En Vincences might not be quite so effective on this fast surface, Thajanish, who contested the Chester Cup, might turn the form sound. Bolivier and Sheriff have had success over hurdles and the pick of them may be Sheriff who likes fast going and ran second to Stompin' in a 15-furloog handlesp at Warwick last time.

Selection: SPEED TO LEAD

#### 3.00 BELMOREDEAN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5.100 added

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	0-0	FREIOR (35) (Paul & Jacobs) N Graham 90	R Hughes
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	43	KLUNINKTE (27) (Bendlard Thoroughpeads) 1 Toller 9 0	S Sanders
	2	PUSH SEA (USA) (II) (Mare Al Makeum) M Strate 9 0	2 Seid 1
	0	IGNO'S ACADEMY (19) (Michael Potenti) H Cetal 9 0	
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	0	MUNICED (14) (Shellin Ahmed Al Makabum) J Gosden 9 (	# McGlope 1
	6-3	PALASION (USA) (19) (Michael Pescod) R Creation 9 0	Pat Eddary
		SERENUS (USA) (E 8 & W V Robins) Lord Huntington 9 D	R Doyle
•		SYLVAN RESONTS (As Jenny Wilment) R Philips 90	M Fenton 1
	0-6	CLASSEC LOOK (116) (J C Condot) Major D Crappel 89	
!		CLASSIC PARISIAN (31) (Cassic Blockstock Pic) R Herrs 8.8	
ŀ	0	LEPHICHA (USA) (ECI) (R E Sangere) 8 Has 89	) O Sanitis (5)
		QUEEN BEE (19) (Tabl Basies) J Dunlop B.B.	
i	90	SHOEMAKER LEVY (26) (Shampungo Rating Partnershot R O'Sultann 8	9

FORM CUIDE

BISSN SEA is high on the short let, but fail is a trappy meden with so many lively improvers in contention. Considering that high see was so easy to back, drifting from 8-1 to 14-1, there was much to like about his second to contening winner Archid at Ripon (10f) eight days ago and his was funning well at the end of that slow-run event. Classic Partisles is a half-sister to stream winners and she stayed on it eye-casting style when hind to Camporese it softish going over an extended 10 furiongs at Haydock early last month. She has since left the Stuart Witterns yeard. Lepidos is a scopey daughter of 10 gain Senor and she was 11th of 20 at the Wood Ditton, won by Faragain. The Wood Datton form has some sustaince this year and Lepidos is going to relish the additional two furiongs. Miniminate stayed on strongly within better two short heads behind Lear Jet on his re appearance and can be expected to do better, while Palamoon may need another quester-only to take a might shperiod to do better, while Palamont may need another quester-niet to raike a major in-pact of to better, while Palamont may need another quester-niet to raike a major in-pact but has shown up well in decent mariens. Male-Ami-Mont can wen a race, while the John Gooden-trained Mukeael was never eighted in a majorn at Newcastle after showing greenness. Incidentally, race-wastless at Yamouth yesterday would heve noted Gooden's first-race newcomer Alrayyth as a cast-iron tuture winner. Selection: IRSH SEA

#### 2 20 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP (CLASS C)

٠	2.30	£7,750 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £5,791
		CENTRAL MACHITHUR (20) (D) San Cameron) J Duning 87
		NABHAAN (19) (D) (SF) (Handon Al Mattourn) O Mortey 9 8
		CLASSIC FIND (USA) (24) (Classic Bloodstuck Pic) R Harris 8.3
		INFRANCUS (USA) (12) (D) (HRH Prince Fabri Satrajo) P Cole 9 2
	4-23	CLERGE-WELL (USA) (48) (8F) (Sheiri Michammed) M Strue 92
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FORM GLIDE

CLERKENWELL is used in a handloop after some good runs in maders although he lost second place behind Benstom at Thirsk lest time for hempening the eventuel third. He was sisted by that first up over a mile and a hall after starting the company with a Kempton second to Samragan and he went into the hotelooks on his sole start last seeson when fourth to Heron Istand over the Doncaster mile. Nabhaesa has shown progressive form this season, and he had all the bod luck going when third, besten inches, to Samragan at Newbury last time. Despita the change of ground and the 5to higher mark, he must be feared given how coally be won on last ground at Ripon in April, But the form of that porticular race shift working out too well. Harrhoot Dues is well worth uping to this longer ting given the style of Newbury (100) maden win last month and Count Basie, beaten a neck, took the Windsor maiden lest Monday evening. Hannlet was pushed six lengths older in a 10-furling Redor handings the time and should also go well in the ligher grade over the staylor longer the, titaleneous was asked to race alone near the stands' mill when last of seven at Haydock last time and should also go well in the largest of the soft. General Macarchiar made his first bit at 12 furlings as winning one at Beavery last time. He is in good heart and has the beating of Nabhaen on Nottingham ten furlong form two months ago. Of course, that form

#### 4.00 BUSTER HASLAM & PADDY MORRISSEY CLABMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 270 6f Penalty Value £3,558 2140 CASTLE HOUSE (22) (Mrs. Jacke Mulate): J Avenuez 85..... \_\_\_\_\_B Doyle 8 \_\_\_\_Pat (State) T \_\_Dene (Thell (3) 3 .....Peul Eddery ? .......W Carson !

BETTING: 7-4 Without Friends, 11-4 Helia Dally, 7-2 Castle House, 11-2 Sepurbh Flyer, 8-1 Carte and Canada, 12-1 Impulsion, Russian Sable.

FORM CLIDE WITHOUT PRIENDS, cleaned out of a course and distance cleaner 15 days ago after mak-ing it two out of two under the Richard Hannon banner, looks to have enother good opporing it two out of two under the Richard Harmon banner, tooks to have another good oppor-tunity. He is a small colt but there was no arguing with the way he won that course claimer, puting four lengths ahead of Mass Bercelona and the downground Battle Ground. He had a length in hand of Hellio Dolly in a fine-furiong Folliestone seller the time before and he tooks better over the extra furiong, so can probably obtain the form. Hellio Dolly also won over six furiongs lest time, realong all it a Newcastle claimer, and she may again play accord fiddle to Without Friends. Castle House, all out to land on F-grade morter of Brighton in April, has once run respectably in tougher company at Salisbury and Kempton and he can do base of the others.

#### 4.30 DARNLEY LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 3YO 1m 1f Penalty Value £7,570 5-1416 DOCKLANDS LINKO (31) (RF) (MIS List Oby) 8 McMath 9 2.....

FORM GRIDE

MILAMLA at a progressive fifty and it was impossible not to be impressed by her conditions race win at Chepstow 10 days ago when booting previous Windsor winner Crozy Chief by two lengths with the third, Mr Teigh, a dozen lengths forther back. Hiliada will take the extro furions in her stande and will not be bothered by this faster surface. She is just preferred to Johan-7 who was given a tender ride when severith of 20 to Kettoi in a 20-runner Newbury matten (1m) lest month. Possesiahe Artista is a sister to the firsh and Italian Galst winner Possessive Dancer and is open to improvement after staging a good firesh when fourth that it is a process in a martien over the Kempton mile 12 days ago. Selection: HIJALIA

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5	.00	ROOKWOOD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 6f Penalty Value £4,078
1	600100	ACREA (7) (D) (DF) (I A Bales) R O'Suliven 7 9 13
2	604D-34	NELLE HORTH (17) (Geoffrey C Greenwood) G McCourt 3 9 7
3	030240-	JOSE (234) (2) U A Redmont) 8 Hals 6 9 7
4	003300-	DARK MENACE (253) (Austin Stroug & Co Latt E Wheeles 4 8 1
5		DON PEPE (17) (C) this Elano And R Boss 5 9 1 & Familian (5) 13
6		MERITRE LE BOW (5) (0) (Ms 4 L Sandes) Pat Mathell 4 8 11 (Technomic Sanders (3) 3
7	600-035	ASTRAL MANADER (7) (D) IM 8 Sounders) M Saunders 4 8 10
8		MWOCKTION (16) (CD) (R Kernani A Moore 9 B 10 T Rold (5) E
9		SHARP BUT (7) (D) (Ars G M Teramenran) R Flower 6 8 10
10		DON'T TELL VICIO (177) (D) Oks Victoria Goodman) J Maore 3 8 1 J Konnan (7) 6
11		SHAYNES DOMAIN (15) (R M Flower) R Flower 5 8 1
12		SCISSOD PROGE (21) (Donald J Smart) J Bridger 4 8 1
		EFFICACY (37) (0) 04's Ann laws 4 laws 581

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SHARP IMP is a sporting choice. The booking of Robert Hawin takes the eye and Sharp Imp's latest Brighton running can be overlooked because he stumbled. Sharp Imp was in decent form on the all-weather in the writer and looked an unfucly sercond to Newargian Butts at Unifield in February. He is necely weighted on that form, Again as inconsistent but looks the type to run well giving away weight in this league, while Jable can surely find a race this term after drawing a blank since 1993 and his lourth of 20 to Double Splendour. at Yarmouth last September shows he has the ability.

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**NEW LOOK** 

The Sporting Life

Matiya, the Irish 1,000 Guineas cally stronger all the time, and winner, is expected to be supshed in the time, and she did a little bit of work towinner, is expected to be supplemented today for Sunday's Prix de Diane at Chantilly at a cost of FF140,000 (£18,445).

"She's come out of the race very well. I'm very pleased with her progress. Ben Hanbury. hertrainer, said vesterday. "She is getting mentally and physi-



day. She looks a million dollars." In New York, the David Loder-trained South Salem will work on the track at Belmont today in preparation for Satur-

day's Belmont Stakes. South

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Awafeh (Southwell 4.40) NB; Irish Sea (Goodwood 3.00)

Salem is to be ridden by Julie Krone instead of Richard Hughes.

DERBY (Epsom, 8 June) Latest odds (Coral): 9-2 Dushyantor, 11-2 Glory of Dancer, 6-1 Alhearth, Even Top, 8-1 Storm Trooper, 9-1 Sheamit, 10-1 Double Leaf, 12-1 Mystic Knight, 20-1 Jack lennings, 25-1 St Mawes, 33-1 others Racing results, page 31

me Star, 16-1 lvar's Flutter	might not be too reliable two months on.
ERLEY.	2.20 HURN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 4f
HYPERION Hown Count 2,50 Smarter Charter 3,20 les Saike 3,50 Tessjoe 4,20 Fahim 4,50	1. 024650- VAAEDOT (252) (D) Mrs M Riveley 7 9 1

Belinda Blu GOING: Good to Firm (watering). STALLS: buside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f & 7f 100rds. DEAN ADVANTAGER; High for M & Ti 100pds.

Elight-hand, galloping course with very stiff 51.

Eacecourse is 1m W of town on A1035. But service from Beverley station (Hull = Scarborough line) 2m, ADMISSION: Chib Eli; Junior Club (16 to 21-year-olds) 58; Tattersulls 58; Silver Ring 53; Course Enclosure 52; Picnic area 52 or 52 per cur, pluts 52 per focupant. CAR PARK! Prec.

BEV

BUTAKBRED FIRST TIME: Beefa's Mill (visored, 2.50); Harbour

Island (visored, 2.50). Winners in the Last Seven Days: None. WHITTHERS BY LIBS LESS SEVEN MALES FROM: LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Tykervor (3.50) sem 248 miles by Lody Herries from Angmenting Port, West Sussex; Roofa's MIII (2.50) sent 225 miles by J Neville from Newport, Gwent.

2.50 TOUCH ABOVE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 2f

1. 2525-00 REEFR'S IMIL (251) Newle 4 9 10 Software (35) 3 V 2 324-000 EURE INSTICE (236) (3 5 6 kmgs 4 9 7 V Hemilitary 4 2 0-43512 BARROON RIL BOY (34) 8 Hembury 4 8 10 J Stack (3) 5 6 10000 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 8 10 05-60 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 8 10 05-60 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 8 10 05-60 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 00000 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 000000 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 00000 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 000000 V PUNS REF (35) November 3 00000 V PUNNS REF (35) November 3 00000 V

20	BRIAN YEARDLEY TROPHY STAKES (CLASS B) £12,500 added 2YO c&g 5f
	(CLASS B) ETS SOO SUDEG STO COR SI
0111	FOR OLD TIMES SAKE (17) (CD) J Berry 9 1
5D21	BOLERO BOY (15) (D) M W Easterby 8.13 Date Glacon 8
	DOUBLE ACTION (19) (D) T Easterby 8 13
	FOR YOUR EYES ONLY (18) T Eastedy 8 13 K Durley 4
	ICE AGE (31) (D) R Williams 8 13
	SUPERIOR PREMIUM (29) (D) (BF) R Fahey B 9 A Cultiumo 8
_	- 8 declared -
NG: 5-2	For Old Times Sake, 3-1 For Your Byes Only, 7-2 Ice Age

-	T DOMONG W	count 6-1 District post probation Literature
[	3.50	111th YEAR OF THE WATT MEMORIAL H'CAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 1m 4f
1		HARBOUR ISLAND (230) M Skools 4 10 DK Fellon 8 V
2	0-43612	BARDON HILL, BOY (14) 8 Hanbury 4 8 10
3	1005-63	TYKEYVOR (23) Lady Hemes 895
4	0504-60	DEANO'S BEENO (12) M Johnston 4 9 2
6	540-614	TESSAJOE (31) (0) (8F) M Carriagho 48 12
6		FAUGERON (238) (D) N Tribler 7 7 10

323024 QUINZII MARTIN (6) (CD) D Haydr Jones 8 9 5.

600-004 RIVER GARNOCK (6) O Nichols 4 8 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Brandelf (7) 8 013310\_ MOREGRETH (2017) (C) (D) R Holleshead 5 8 8 \_\_ M Carlleto 9

S	7	1.20	ETTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 100yds
2	1		ARABIAN DESIGN G Moore 49 7.
	2	00360-0	MICHIGHT SPELL (20) / Hills 4 9 2
3	3		CROWN COURT (USA) (25) L Current 3 8 10
	4	D-	FANSIN (252) A Shewart 5 8 10
4	5		SHEHAB W HWIZE 3 8 10
1	6	04-	DESERT FROLIC (260) M Johnston 3 B 5
8	100		= 8 declared =
6,	8-:	TING: Exe Littlehight	ns Publics, 7-2 Desert Frolic, 6-1 Crown Court, 6-1 Shehab, Spoll, 16-1 Arabian Design
	[	1.50	FIGHAM APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 5f
L	7	30-0503	WIRE ACT (USA) (6) Martyn Meads 3 10 D. Claire August (5) 8
	-	405000-	
٧	-	06-0202	
5	7		YOUNG BEN (58) J Warmagot 4 9 6 T Siddel (5) 1
	- 2	540-00S	
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4	7	540000	
1	8	040006	
*	9	060626	BOWCLETE GRANGE 65 D Chapman 4 8 1 Jonno Webster 7

4.10 LEOPARD SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 2YO 6F

1604 ENCHANTING EVE (10) C Allen B 12. 4 IMPALA (10) W G M Turrer B 11.....

### SOUTHWELL

HYPERION 2.10 Nepler Star 2.40 Old Provence 3.10 Maybank 3.40 Juba 4.10 Impala 4.40 Awafeh

GOING: Standard. STALLS: 5f - outside; remainder - instite.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 6f & 7f.

Fibresand surface; left-band sharp, oval course.

Course is 5m W of Newark. Rolleston Junction adjoins course.

ADMISSION: Canh 512; Tattersalls 56 (OAP members of course.)

Diamond Club 54, under-16s free). CAR PARK: Free.

RS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Parament (3.10) won at WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Farmest (3.10) won at Brighton on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Ready To Draw (2.40) has been sent 209 miles by 8 0 Sullivan from Whitcombe, Donect.

2 10 LION HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added

Ľ		5f
1 2	001/050- 114254	KUNG FRODE (231) (CD) 8 Matheton 4 10 0
5	333225	HAY CHERRYWELL (LUI) (C) (D) L Lloyd-larnes 6 8 8
4		RENNYHOLME (10) (D) J Hotherton 5 9 8
		Last 1900 1971 (TOT I bree 5.0.4 9 Perform 11

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	0040011	FRECKLES KELLY (\$2) (D) T Easterby 4 9 0 Quint 7
	000450	DELBOS (6) (C) D Haydn Jones 5 88 , Anthony Bond (7) 10 V
	500153	IMPRER STAR (12) (C) Mrs N Macataley 5 87C Temper (3) 8
ŀ	300060	MALBERT (15) (D) P Buggoyne 7 8 7
		NY LILIAN (6) W Brisbourne 4 7 12 R Myllion (7) 2 -11 declared -
9	TN2:4-1	tallard, 9-2 Frechies Kelly, 5-1 Resupholmo, T-1 Elton Ledger,
	der Star, 1	ly Chorrywell, 8-1 General Equation, 10-1 others

	2.40	£3,450 added 2m
		SEA WICTUR (8) (D) J L Hams 4 85 7 lves
	0-11004	OLD PROVENCE (40) R Hams 6 9 2 D Sattente
	3	NERNADIAN N Bycrot 8816 Deffined 1
	50/00-66	EFAAD (10) J Norton 5 8 10
	02405-6	QUANAGER (1/45) 8 (levelyn 7 8 10
		READY TO DRAW (51) R O'Sulven 7 8 10 D Block
į	310404	RECORD LOVER (29 (CD) M Chapman 68 10.P Fessoy (5)
	3 03/450-5	DESCRI PRESIDENT (112) P Mooney 5 8 8
	45240-6	KINDRED GREETING (111) JA Harra 48 7 O'Rolly
		COMPANY CONTRACTOR OF THE COLUMN AS A SECOND STATE OF THE COLU

BETTRYS: 7-4 Sea Victor, 9-4 Old Provence, 3-1 Silppory Fin, 12-1 Clo Elito, 20-1 Nirhadise, Rossly To Draw, 25-1 Record Lover, 33-1 others				
[	3.10	CHEETAH HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 7f		
1	412040	MAYEANK (10) (C) 8 McMshon 4 9 10 FEgus		
2		KING OF MUNSTER (ALIS) (12) Mrs. J Cock 4 9 8 7 hose 1		
3	02-1511	FARMOST (7) (D) Sir Mark Prescott 3 8 8 (Gest)		
4		SEA SPOUSE (6) (C D) M Blandhard 59 8 C Admission (5)		

3	.40	TIGER MAIDEN HANDICAP £4,200 added 1m	(CLAS
1		PRODENT PRINCESS (12) 4 Hole 4 B 13A	
2	6000-2	TAUTEN (17) PBurgbyre 8 9 12	D B McC
3		HORSEPPE (12) J Wharton 4 9 11	
4		SHERAZ (12) N Takler 4 9 11	
5		LA TANSANI (32) R Hannon 3 9 8	
6		DISALLOWED (31) M Bel 3 9 7	
7		CAREFUR (233) 8HBs 5 9 6	
ė		ABA (17) Dr J Scarge 4 9 3	
ğ	00.00	BASHTHEBOARDS (14) J Quim 3 95	50 WW
10	50,0004	FASTINI BOLD (8) M Usher 4 9 D.	N Ad
11		JOWE KING (5) P Machel 4 8 12C	
12		NTVASHA (68) P Mooney 4 8 4	
13		TIP IT IN (1.380 A Smith 78.2	
14		RADADABBLE (13) Per Michel 3 8 2	
15		ROYAL RAPPORT (9) 8 McMahon 3 8 2	
16	060604	SPEEDY SNAPS PREDE (10) P Cundel 4 8 0	dana

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7 013310- MONSGHETTI (207) (C) (D) R Holizahead 588N Carllele 9	2 4 MPALA (10) W G M Turner 8 11 T Sprake 4
8 320502 H ROCK (18) J Notion 4 8 8	3 52 NO RUSH (7) J Berry 8 11 S O W
8 600000 KISMETIM (7) 0 Chepmen 888	4 OS HOMS REMEMBER (10) M Ryon 8 11 7 Ives 6
10 005310 PRINCIPAL BOY (10) (CD) T Etherngton 3 8 6 C Rutter 13	
11 00-0600 TITANERIM HONDA (15) (CD) D O'Brien 5 7 10G Bardwell 5 8	5 00 DOZEN ROSES (59) 7 Jones 8 6
12 000-000 FRED'S DELIGHT (28) Mrs V Aconley 5 7 10	8 HAZY DAYZ O O'Bren 86 G Bardrell 6
13 0300-00 VERRO (USA) (126) (C) K Bahon 9 7 10	7 8 ODDFELLOWS GIRL (9) N Bycock 88
= 12 deciend -	- 7 declared -
	BETTME: 2-1 Imputs, 5-2 Rons Revente, 3-1 Enchanting Eve. 4-1 No Bush.
Minimum: Tet 10th. True h'cap weights: Fred's Delight Tet Tib, Verro Get 6th.	20-1 Dozon Roses, Oddfellova Cirl, 33-1 Hazy Dayz
BETTING: 3-1 Farmost, 4-1 Hi Brick, 6-1 500 Spouse, River Gernock, 7-1	TOT DOCUM ISSUED OFFICENCES and door sand ands
Quinzii Martin, Fred's Delight, 8-1 Principal Roy, 10-1 others	
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3.40 TIGER MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E)	4.40 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (CLASS
3.40 HOLE BUILDER IDIEDICAL (OCHOS C)	F) £3,450 added 3YO 1m
£4,200 added 1m	
1 436-040 PRUDENT PRINCESS (12) 4 Hole 4 8 13Martin Dwyor (5) 2	1 6506-30 CRAIGMORE MAGEC (14) Miss M Maligan 9 7
2 60/00-2 TAUTEN (17) PBurgage 8 9 12	2 D450-0 CLASSIC DELIGHT (USA) (96) R Harris 9 7 D Battanto 3
3 350-032 HORNETTE [12] J Wharton 4 9 11 W J O'Countr 8	5 6550-00 JOLIS PRESENT (8) M Ryen 95
	4 60-00 REALMS OF GLORY (21) P Michael 9 4
4 3-65000 SHERAZ (12) N Texter 4 9 11 C Ratter 16	5 500-050 JMMARIER (10) (C) Cast J Wison 9 2
5 0606-60 LA TANSANI (23) R Hannon 3 9 8 FEgan 4	8 005530 SEEDING DESTINY (26) (C) M Chapman 9 0 _P Ferrey (5) 14
6 2225-20 DISALLOWED (31) M Bcl 3 9 7	7 04000-0 PULSA CIRCO (8) 8 McMahon 8 11
7 000440- CAREFUX (233) 8 Hills 5 9 6	8 433465 EFFECTIE (10) (CD) N Bycolt 8 11
8 5-40 ARA (17) Dr.   Szargil 4 9 3 Thes 12	9 0500 LUCTINO (10) 8 Williams 8 11
9 00-00 BASHTHEBOARDS (1/4) J Quam 3 95	10 40-5350 PRINCESS PANGADDY (10) C Allen 8 10 Martin Dayer (5) 15
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11 00-0000 JOWE KING (5) P Methell 4 8 12 C Ademson (5) 6 V	11 003205 DOWN THE YARD (23) M Chapman 8 9P McCabe (3) 8
12 303520 NIVASHA (68) P Mooney 4 8 4	12 0000-22 AWATER (10) 8 Mallor 8 7
13 6206/ TIP IT IN (1,384) A Smith 78.2	13 006U-60 DIGWANA (65) T Jones 8 6
14 00-0020 FIADADABBLE (13) Per Machell 3.8.2	14 4460-30 HOW COULD-I (5) T Easterby 8.6
15 00-0200 ROYAL RAPPORT (9) 8 McMahon 3 8 2	15 000404 SUPREME ALLISION (12) John Berry 85 6 Dormete 13 8
	16 040-005 COCOON (118) C Thornton 82
16 060604 SPEEDY SIMPS PRIDE (10) P Cundet 480	- 16 declared -
- 10 declared -	
BETTING: 9-2 Fastini Gold, Tauton, 5-1 Horupipe, Nivestre, 6-1 Bashtha-	BEITING 3-1 Down The Yard, Ameliah, 5-1 Graigmore Magic, Palga Circo,
houses, 10-1 La Tanconi, Caraful, 12-1 others	6-1 Effective, 12-1 July Present, 16-1 Princets Paragaddy, 20-1 others

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6.45 WILD RICE (nap) 7.15 Maradata 7.45 Mu-jova 8.15 Kalabo 8.45 The Frisky Farmer 9.15 Balan Rose

STALLS: Inside except 1m 2f - stands side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

Left-hand, tight, circular course. Not suitable for long-striding houses.

Racecourse is near centre of city on A548. Chester General
Racecourse is near centre of city on A548. Tattetsalle 58;

station 1m. ADMISSION: County Engloster Dec Stand 54; Course 52. CAR PARE: \$1. SIS

RLINKERS FIRST TIME: Bold African (8.45), Augus McCostup (8.45). THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Ciserano (8.45) won st LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Orange Place (8.45) has been sent

202 miles by T J Nanghton from Epsom, Surrey; Cats Bottom (6.46) sent 192 miles by A Newcombe from Huntshaw, Devon. 6.45 PEEPING TOM HANDICAP (CLASS C) £9,000 added 3YO 7f

.....D Wilght (3) 2

511206 LE SPORT (30) (0) A Bally \$84...

7.15 RABBIT HANDICAP (CLASS D) SKY 600055 CEE-JAY-10' (7) (C) J Berry 8 8 2 ....

BETING: 9-4 Special Telebrate, 4-1 Con-Jay-Ay, Maradata, 9-2 West-ers Sai, 9-1 Mr Rough, Wouthfulp Lad

MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) SKY 7.45 MAIDEN STAKES (W.ASS 5) 56,000 added 270 Sf 16yds OND (12) A Builey 8 9.

8.15 BIRD LIME STAKES (CLASS C) SKY 1 3120-10 JUPIUSH (USA) (3-6) (3) B Hills 4 8 11 J. R Hills 4 2 50420/-1 KEY TO NY HERRY (22) (3) Mice 6 Hall 8 9 5 J. Wesser's 3 11 RANSDOW TOP (114) W Hogges 4 9 5 J. M Hills 1 1212-31 SURANDOW (15) (3) I Current 4 9 5 J. R Daddy 3 5 11/350-3 KALABO (USA) (130) Sased Inn Suroor 4 8 11 J. Dettod 2 BETTERE: 11-4 Knieżo, 100-30 Joyush, 7-2 Suzmow, 5-1 Key To My Hora

8.45 FLASH IN THE PAN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3YO 8f 18yds 640-105 STANDOWN (6) (6P) J Barry 8 12...... 

BETTING: 7-4 Double Occar, 5-1 Little Nodfrin, 6-1 No Monkey Nats, Ta Waid, 8-1 The Friday Farmer, 10-1 Ginerano, 12-1 Boffy, 14-1 others 9.15 DOGE OF VENICE HANDICAP (CLASS D)

231.456 LADY SHERREY (b) (b) (BF) R holitopheed 5 10 OF Lyack (5) 4
1250-00 PRIACEGATE MCR (28) (D) J Bury 5 9 10 P Roberts (5) 2
0532-00 HRYDIN ROCK (12) (D) A Barby 4 9 8 — Carrell 1 6
0551-02 BANN ROCK (20) (D) M Barby 4 9 8 — J Quirtu 12
10000-0 BACFARLANE (48) (20) M F-Godby 8 9 0 — D Herrison 11
332332 MYTTOKS MSSINE (25) (D) A Barby 5 8 11 — S Dankey 1 

per 6x 2h. SETING: 7-2 Bajon Rose, 4-1 Myttous Mistaire, 9-2 Claudwell Hall, 5-1 Stag With The Start, 10-1 Haton Rock, Ludy Sheriff, 12-1 others

HYPERION 7.00 Muzrak 7.30 Hillwalk 8.00 Linlathen 8.30 Movac 9.00 Triennium 9.30 Slaught Son

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

Elight-hand course with sharp turns. Run-m 280yd.

Course is to Scone Paince Pk, 4m N of town on AIG. Perth station (service from Dundee) 4m. ADMISSION: Members 51:1; Tattersells 6. Patidock 87 (OAPs & disabled \$4); Course 52. CAR PARK.

BLINERERD FIRST TIME: Excuse Me, Ballyallia Castle & Just A Guess (7.00); Positive Action (7.30); Pats Cross (8.00). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS, None. LONG-DISTANCE MINNERS: Secretary Of State (8.30) sent 414 roles by D Arbuthnot from Compton, Berks; Billwalk (7.30) & Lac De Gras (9.00) sent 412 miles by E Cartis from Lambourn, Berks. 700 JOLLY MILLER NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS

	1.00	D) £4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds
1		GANN DIN (31) W Patton 6 11 7 Mr R J Pattor
2	060404	RM LYXDLIA CASTLE (B) R Fisher 7 11 1 P Name 8
3	000600-	BEREQUEST (10) O Market 5 11 1
4	52/450-	EXCUSE ME (6)   Forguson 7 11 1 P Carbony R
5		AUST A GUESS (94) J J O'Neil 5 11 1 A Roche (3) 8
6	2650/62	NAZRAK (CAN) (21) M Hammond 5 11 1
7		KETZBERG (10) W Rock 5 10 10A P McCoj
		Muzzek, 9-4 Saun km, 6-1 Ballyollin Castle, 6-1 Birequest
1	0-1 Kitcherg	, 12-1 Excuse Ma, 14-1 Just A Guess

7.30 RIVERBOAT CASINO HANDICAP SKY 8 F428/ Jane CHOICE (899) W Patton 9 10 2 R Paris 10 04025P POSITIVE ACTION (8) M Burres 10 10 0 R Politics 11 21/P46 BALD JORER (89) ID) D McDratney 11 10 0 P Contemp

er St. 50. BETTING: 7-2 Hittunit, 5-1 Rocket Res, 6-1 Califeb Boy, 7-1 Cross Can-mas, 8-1 Sword Beach, Off The Bru, East Houston, 10-1 others

8.00 BRUCE WILSON SPORTS HCAP SKY 

441242- LEVEL EDGE (S) H Alexander 5 10 8 600501- CANDED LAD (8) F Somy 9 10 4 (7e) 410090- DALESHAN (12) J Better B 10 1 05403- SYLVAN CELEBRATION (41) J Goine 5 10 0. - T declared -Minimum weight: 10st. True hendrap weight: Syken Celebration Sst 10s. BETTNS: evens Lichthen, 4-1 Candid Lad, 5-1 Level Edga, 10-1 Maste Othe House, 12-3 Tabu Lady, 20-1 Dakeswae, Syken Celebration 8.30 EARL GREY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2m

.....A Thornton .....P Carbony -6 Seclared BETTING: 7-4 Movac, 7-2 Excise Man, 5-1 Buring, 7-1 Secretary Of State, 6-1 Boethins, Mister Black, 12-1 La Denstau, 14-1 others 9.00 SNUGGLES BREAK NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 110yds

(7) Molrose (3... Hollatt B 05P066- GRBNREIL (280) 0 McCure 6 10 2... 9 USPO- LAG DE GRAS (JA) R Cure 5 10 0... 10 050506- CHURLISTIONA (LO) J Dodox 5 10 0... 11 00PSPS- COQUET 80LD (L2) F Walton 8 10 0... 

Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Let De Gras 9st 11th, Churty-slane 9st 5th, Coquer Gold 9st 2th, Melody Dwicer 9st 2th. BETTEN: 5-2 Parts Cross, 9-2 Trienchum, 6-1 Bourdonner, Mister Casp. al, 7-1 Teojay'n'aisch, 12-1 On The Move, 14-1 others

9,30 WEST END CONDITIONALS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 3m 110yds 



# Eyes of Europe on the man in the stands

Guy Hodgson talks to Glen Kirton, who will see the culmination of four years' work at Wembley on Saturday

magine being told you have to or-ganise the European Champion-ship. Is your first reaction a sharp thrill of anticipation followed by a panic attack at the enormity of what you have to do? Or maybe you sit down and calmly make a list. Wembley would be luce, Old Trafford

too...
Glen Kirton took the latter course when Euro 96 was placed on his Football Association desk in July 1992 and, in around a week's time, he will find out if his agenda of tasks was sufficiently thorough. Saturday, when the tournament kicks off, is a hig day for English football; it is hardly a humdrum one for him, either.

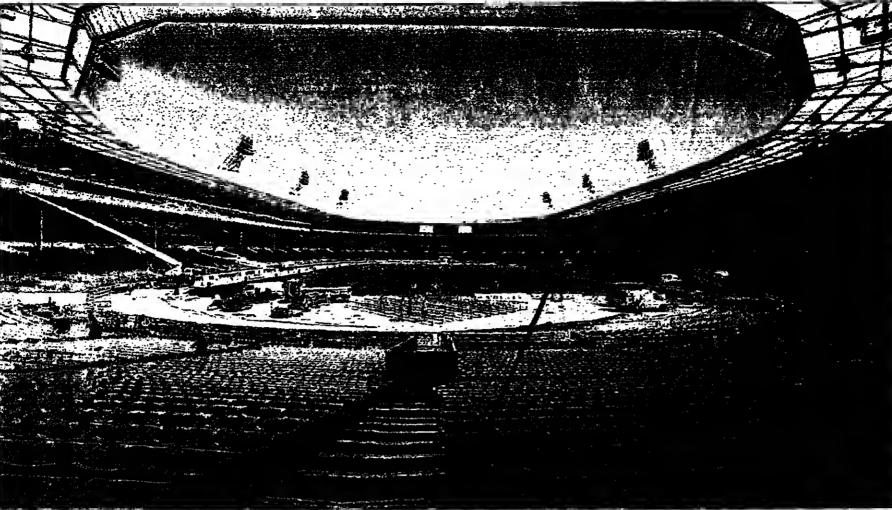
"I'm very excited," he said, betraying none of the weariness you would expect from a man who after four years has every right to scream when the words Euro and 96 come anywhere within range of each other. "My personal joh is virtually completed. A team has been put together that will run the tournament for me." This was a long way from the case

in 1992. Kirton, the FA's head of external affairs, did not exactly have a blank sheet of paper to work with he had officiated at four World Cups and four European Championships and England had recently bosted two Uefa youth tournaments and three European club finals - but it was not crammed with type either.

The first thing was to consult people who had organised big tournaments in the past, particularly the Germans and Swedes who had run the last two European Championships," Kirton said. "Then I sat down and wrote myself a list of every-

thing I'd need."
The higgest problem was not in-frastructure. Unlike the 1990 World Cup in Italy, which had to undertake to anyone running an event of this mammoth works to huild new transport systems and stadiums, England had most of that already in place. In addition, the aftermath of the Taylor Report was all-seated grounds

together of the various organisations who are affected when a big football that, although the FA is running the £125m.



Bucket seats: Staff at Wembley stadium make final preparations for Saturday's opening game between England and Switzerland

match takes place in this country. tournament, they are doing so on be-Multiply that by the 31 games that will comprise Euro 96, 16 different

sets of supporters and the problems they can bring and the out-of-season timing that adds additional strains and the scale of the task becomes ap-The process has oot parent.
That would be the most valuable piece of information I could pass on

with the various agencies even he-fore you table your bid. National government, local government, police, the football clubs, transport and throughout the country.

More problematic was the pulling tourist authorities, there's people you have to talk to. tourist authorities, there's a lot of

half of Ucfa [European football's governing body]. It is their championship and they have a big say in its running. It is Uefa, for example, who sell the television rights."

one entirely smoothly, as the FA's embarrassment over the ticket affair proved, but it has been all hut completed. Well over a million seats have been sold and around 200,000 visitors are expected. The tourist industry alone expects a

In addition, there will be side events such as music festivals and theatre. "It's not just a foothall event," Kirton said. "It's a chance for England to show what it can do. It and something minor is bound to is a chance to prove this isn't a bad have been forgotten, hat every-

> 'Euro 96 is not just a football event. it's also a chance for England to show what it can do'

"No one underesti-Glen Kirton mates that it's a large Tournament director of Euro 96 task putting together a security system that Milestones on the road to Euro 96

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Summer 1990: English clubs readmitted to European comperions after a five-year ab-

Automin 1990: England launch bid to stage 1998 World Cup end/or 1996 European Champ

Spring 1991: Decision made to concentrate on bid for Euro 96. November 1991: FA formally submits bld along with Austria, Greece, Portugal and the Neth-

May 1992: Vefe endorses FA's July 1992: Glen Kirton appointed tournament director. November 1992: Uefa in-creases number of finalists

from eight to 16. Spring 1993: Uefa chooses eight stadiums to host Euro 96. January 1994: Draw for qualifying competition.

October 1994: Launch of ticket sales to the public. Summer 1995: All eight venues fulfil criteria of being all-seater and having a minimum capacity of 30,000.

December 1995: Draw for the final stages. England and Scot-land are paired together in Group A.

Spring 1996: Euro 96 announces the sale of one millionth ticket for the tournament.

Photograph: David Ashdown are halanced and so on, and I provides the public with the safety and security they deserve," he replied. "One thing we have - and

crowd control and are backed up by good intelligence." As the curtain goes up on Saturday, Kirton can begin to relax, although a holiday is not on his immediate personal list. "The first three months after the event I'll be writing the reports about the championships," he said. "One of the things football does tremendously well is liaise from tournament to tournament. It is seen as a duty to pass on experience to people who will be

it is for the wrong reasons - is ex-perience. Our police are experts in

Dangerous Donuts on festival menu

prefer to do it straight away while things are fresh in my mind, rather than go away for a month and have to drag myself back to complete the

Having set up the tournament, Kirton intends to enjoy his labour. He plans to see as many matches as possible and every team at least once. "If England cannot win, then I have a suspicion that Spain might do it," he said. "I've got a feeling that the group that includes them, France, Romania and Bulgaria, is going to produce the best football."

After four long years, he will be happy, no matter the excitement quotient. Just as long as the football kicks doing it next. tieni. Just as long as the football kind off on time and without trouble.

#### Where language is no barrier for fans

Should a foreign supporter find have much right to pat them-himself lost round the streets of selves on the back for the service. at the FA. Some of the people Nottingham or Newcastle over the next few weeks of the European Championship, he will have a point of salvation beyond the local police station, writes

Guy Hodgson. and advice centres based in every host city - and they are all centrally sited - he will find someone who can speak his own tongue, a guide book written in his language, and sympathetic directions. A pity then that neither the Football Association nor its satellite running Euro 96 will

This is not to say that the principal organisers of the biggest sporting event to hit these shores have not been in touch with the person charged with set- attitude at Lancaster Gate that ting up these "embassies". They

Duhlin riot." Beauchampé, the international officer of the Football Supporters' Association, said, "when there was a lot of talk about whether the championships could take place here. In the event I was out and I never found out what they wanted. unpaid volunteers.

By any criteria, Turkey are the

great under-achievers of Euro-

pean football. With a population

of 55 million, they ought to get

a decent side together every

at Euro 96 are very good, particularly at local level where I think our advice and opinions are appreciated, but there's still an

we're the wrong sort of fans." It was in the aftermath of the has donated £50,000 to the FSA to run the eight "embassies" in the host cities and there has been additional help from British Telecom and ICI. Some 200 people will be staffing the centres during the tournament and few public faces of the tourna-

The FSA's origins stem from the dark days of the 1980s, when English supporters had a poor reputation, and the group had a presence at the last championships and the 1990 World Cup. "My biggest worry is a re-ally major problem like 10,000

Beauchampé said. To an extent, we have to be prepared for anything and if something does go wrong the upshot will be a hit if extra work for all of us. We are one of the the vast majority of them will be ment. If you're in trouble, the FA won't have any offices to go to."

Give or take a few banners at- try A against Country B, from doors, Manchester throws down tached to lamp posts, those people who avoid the sports pages could be forgiven for not knowing Euro 96 is about to start. Not for long. The tournament intends reaching out to minds that foot- stage, is typical. Under the banball does not normally locate, ner. "Twenty-three days in June"

A vast selection of parallel events will take place over the next month that are loosely connected to the European Championship but stem mainly from the desire to expand the event beyond football grounds. All the host cities have alter-

wide as exhibitions, concerts and fashion shows. available in the eight host cities.

place to come, perhaps for a World

Cup or an Olympic Games.
"I don't wake up at night worry.

ing. No doubt problems will crop up

and hope.

thing is in place to deal with it."

As for hooliganism, which threatened the

very tournament in the

aftermath of the Duhlin riot, Kirton,

like everyone else, can

only cross his fingers

The day Old Trafford hosts its first match, 9 June, gives an idea of the diverse pleasures

the Moscow State Circus in

Nottingham to a comedy festi-

val in Liverpool. Manchester,

which will have matches at Old

Trafford until the semi-final

the welcome mat with a Lord Mayor's Parade, an Italia Festival and a samba party. There is also an act called Dora's Dangerous Donuts which boggles the mind. "It's designed to promote a

men have labelled it) will em-Pat Karney, chairman of Manbrace Euro 96 with diversions as chester's Euro 96 committee. said. "Hopefully the events will encourage visitors to come again. Also, it gives people something to do when there's no

The National Heritage Sec-retary, Virginia Bottomley, also believes Euro 96 and the cultural trimmings will encourage people to participate. "The Arts, like sport," she said, "speak an international language. They attract visitors to the country who, this June, will be able to take advantage of an unprece-

dented range of things to enjoy. "Above all, the important football on. We're sports-mad round here and we'll have a fesgetting people to take part themselves."

### Player to watch



Hakan Sükür

If nothing else, Hakan's nickname, "Bull of the Bosporus", would make him worthy of attention, but his scoring record hardly makes it wise to neglect the 24-year-old striker either. A flop in Italy with Torino, his return to Turkey has been a success, scoring seven goals in eight qualifying matches en route to Euro 96.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTDOWN: No 12 Turkey

### A proud moment for

once in a while just by the law Their glory days, and we are clutching at trifles here, came in the 1950s when they twice qualified for the finals of the World Cup. In 1950, however, they did not go to Brazil because they could not afford the air fare and four years later in Switzerland, they failed to advance from their initial group. As for the European Championship, don't ask.

So it is not difficult to see why Turkish supporters load Fatih Terim with extravagant praise for actually getting the team to England for the finals.

the under-achievers

42-year-old is known as the "soccer magician". Terim, who made 51 international appearances as a centre-back and sweeper, inherited a squad in July 1993 that had won only one of eight World Cup qualifying games (against San Marino) under the Dane, Sepp Piontek Galatasaray. Turkey's leading club side, may have been causing embarrassment in Manchester, but the na-

tional side were a mess. Terim's response was to drop 12 players from his squad for his first match, changing from a of Sweden in their group. Only

sively from four clubs -It is not hard to see why the fragile 3-5-2 formation into a

> tant to get back; now they are harder to break down. The results have changed and so has the attitude. "I want a team who fight as if their lives depend on it," Terim said. "I want them to battle every time

more robust 3-3-2-2 system. In

the past the Turks would charge

forward, but were more reluc-

they go out to play." The players have obviously listened because they have suf-

Switzerland beat them in that campaign, a reverse that was avenged in Berne last year. Terim's team is drawn exclu-

Galatasaray, Fenerbahçe, Besiktas and Trabzonspor - with the German-born Oguz Cetin the playmaker. At 33 his stamina is suspect, but if he can endure then Hakan Sükür, who has 13 goals in 23 international appearances, is likely to profit. Turkey are unlikely to progress beyond their initial group, but for them the taking part is

truly an achievement in itself. As the followers of Manchester United and Aston Villa could testify, Turkish football is improving quickly.

Guy Hodgson Faruk Yight

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Forwards

Ertugral Saglam Hami Mandirali Orhan Çikirikçi Halqan Süldir

Midfielders

a shrewd manager.

They looked good and they played well within themselves. dividuals whose goal celebrations are considered provocative.

thing about the events taking

#### **Dutch impress Brown**

Brown, returned from Rotterdam yesterday impressed by what he saw of the Netherlands in the 3-1 win over the Republic of Ireland, their final warmup before meeting the Scots next Monday.

Brown's Dutch counterpart, Guus Hiddink, has Danny Blind suspended for that match and has lost Frank de Boer to injury, while the fitness of striker Patrick Kluivert is a concern.

"I think they are going to string us along with Kluivert," Brown said, "He didn't play at all last night but that doesn't mean he won't face us. I think they will kid us on; Hiddink is

Scotland's manager, Craig Ireland made chances, which is an encouragement to-us, but at no time were the Dutch out of

> first gear.' Jaap Stam, the 23-year-old PSV Eindhoven defender, will

> replace De Boer. Alan Shearer will have to

watch it should he finally score for England in Euro 96, for players have been warned by Uefa not to "over-celebrate" goals. The order by the European gov-eming body has even banned triumphal laps of honour. If ? victorious sides "wish to salute their supporters they should do so from the centre circle" is the instruction. It is all part of the organisers' efforts to avoid crowd : trouble. Referees will punish in

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### Rosset makes a late recovery

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IOHN ROBERTS reports from Paris

Excited spectators began queuing for Cedric Pioline in midafternoon, and were rather disappointed to find that a coople of foreigners were still hogging the Ceotre Court. Yesterday was supposed to belong to a Freechman.

Watching Switzerland's Olympic champion, Marc Rosset. retrieve a two-sel deficit to defeat Germany's Bernd Karbacher, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0, held only limited appeal. For one thing, the match lacked the drama and emotion of Pete Sampras's comeback against Jim Courier the day before. For another thing, it dragged on for three and a half hours. Still, it

oline's semi-final opponent. The wishful thinking ceased wheo Michael Such imposed his will on the proceedings, beating Pioline, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. The only occasions the German No 15 seed showed signs of wavering were during the second set, when his concentration was disturbed by spectators reacting ooisily to his questiooing of line calls, and in the opening game of the third Becker as sits out the champ-

Clare Wood remained unruffled

there is still a flicker of life in

British women's teonis. The

umpire John Clayton ruled in

a shot from an Australiao qual-

ifier, Siobban Drake-Brock-

man, that appeared to land

could see it was at least six inch-

es out," Wood said, "I was so

frustrated because that would

have given me the first set, 6-4.

II was a blatant mistake," How-

ever, the national champioo

recovered her composure to

gain a quarter-final place with

Wood, who is six months into her rehabilitation from a se-

rious hamstring injury which

kept her out for a year, said:

a 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, success.

well beyood the baseline.

Wood overcomes call

by a poor line-call at the Beck- first time. If I get enough points

enham Open yesterday to prove on grass I could climb back in

"Everyone around the court 2-6, against the American No 8

"I'm looking for match practice survive his first-round hurdle

on grass as I will probably have against Tom Spinks.

set, wheo Pioline forced him to lionships, nursing a strained save three break points.

Stich, who underwent surgery three months ago after aggra-vatiog an ankle injury while dressing in a locker-room in Milan, only decided to come to the French Open at the last moment. Short of clay-court matches, he thought it might be better to prepare for Wimbledon early.
History suggests he made the right decision. On the previous

occasion he advanced to the French Open semi-finals, losing to Courier in 1991, he went on to win the Wimbledoo title.

Rosset, the No 14 seed has also recovered from a bizarre injury. He became so frustrated at the points being missed when playing mixed doubles with the 15-year-old Martina Hingis at the Hopman Cup in Perth in January that he belted an advertising board with his racket, damaging his hand. Unfortu-nately, be did not notice that the board was supported by a met-

Rosset, in common with Stich and Sampras, has a penchant for attacking play, and sunny con-ditions have contributed to making the courts slightly faster than usual. One can imagine the frustration experienced by Boris

to qualify for Wimbledon for the

to the top 100, which is where

Her performance was a rare

British highlight. By the end of

the second day, home interest

had dwindled from 21 to six. Shirli-Ann Siddall lost 2-6,

seed, Erika De Lone, while Jo

Ward went down in straight sets

against Japan's No 3 seed, Rika

in Beecher succumbed to Ger-

many's Christian Saceanu, the

seventh seed Danny Sapsford

lost in three sets to South Af-

rica's Chris Haggard, Nick Weal

went out against another South

African, Marcos Ondruska, and

Andrew Richardson failed to

Among the men, Kent's Col-

Hiraki, 2-6, 3-6.

I was before my injury."

Sampras, who tomorrow plays the Russian No 6 seed, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, was still wearing a tennis shirt and shorts when he turned up to receive his award at the ITF World Champ-

ions' Dinner on Tuesday night. "I must apologise for being over-dressed." Sampras told the dinner-suited guests, who were simply pleased to see him so soon after his five-set marathon.

Sampras paid tribute to his late coach, Tim Gullikson. "The last two months have been very emotional for me," be said but he's with me in my head, in my brain. He was talking to me today. I miss him and wish he was here to share these matches with me. A lot of my resuits this year have been for my friend, who is no longer with us."

Earlier, when asked where the needle was on his gas tank after playing three five-set matches, Sampras said: "It's not on empty. These two days off are going to be good for me to get some energy back, Kafelnikov is a good clay-court player. Again, I have to believe I can win that match. I've dooe it before, in Moscow, so I certainly

hope it happens again."
Reviewing the Courier
match, he said: "In the course of the tournament, with the long matches I played, maybe it took its toll. Fortunately the court was playing reasonably quick, and my serve just kind of won it for me. At the end I got a lot of free points, quick points, which helped me to recover that much quicker. After some long exchanges we had, it was a lit-

tle bit tough to catch my breath. "I don't know if I really believed I could win these matches in the past against the Brugueras and Couriers. Playing Kafelnikov, I know what to expect and vice versa. I know what he likes.

"He's pretty much breezed through this tournament without any problems. He's playing with a lot of confidence. I've beaten him before, so there's no reason why I can't do it again. It's going to be a good fight."

Which has become par for the course for as he attempts to become only the fifth player in history to win all four Grand Slam titles in his career.



### Millns starts Kent slide

Cricket

Kent 318-8 v Leicestershire

Kent built a powerful position

on the opening day of their Championship match against Leicestershire at Grace Road yesterday, only to spoil it by surrendering three wickets in three overs without scoring a run. The Championship leaders

were cruising into what looked to be an impregnable position at 310 for 5 when they were undone by the second new ball. David Millos dismissed Graham Cowdrey for 71 and Martin McCague for a duck, and in-between Phil Simmons trapped Steve Marsh leg-before for 51.

That sel Kent back on their heels and left the match evenly poised. Millns finished the day with 2 for 38 and bowled well enough to deserve better, while Simmons had 3 for 43 off 18

Trevor Ward, who hit a magnificent 90 in just under three hours off 139 balls, hitting 15

It took a sensational running catch oo the square-leg boundary by Darren Maddy to remove him. If Maddy had not clung on to the calch, the ball would have carried over the boundary for

While Ward was in the middle, Kent looked to be in the driving seat. After the early loss of Matthew Fleming, Ward and David Fulton shared a secondwicket stand of 94 before Fultoo edged Simmons to Paul Nixon. Three more half-century parmerships followed - the best of them a sixth-wickel stand of 85 between Cowdrey

and his captain, Marsh. They came together with the score at 225 but took it on to 310 claimed the new hall half an hour from the close. The departure of Cowdrey

for a battling 71 was a body blow to Kent, who were hoping to capitaise in Leicestershire's loss of their leading wicket-taker. Alan Mulially, to the England Test squad. Nathan Wood, the 21-year-

old son of Barry, the former Laocashire and England opeoer, is in line for his first-team dehul as Lancashire make do without five first-team regulars in the Championship match against Essex, which starts at Chelmsford today.

. Wicketkeeper Lyndsay Walk-er also samples Championship action for the first time for Nottinghamshire in their meeting with Northamptonshire at Trent Bridge. Walker, born in Australia but now qualified to play for England, will take the place with very few problems until of the former Northampi third-placed Leicestershire shire player, Wayne Noon. of the former Northampion-

### Hamed is on a short fuse

Boxing

Prince Naseem Hamed's sparring feats may not have matched David's slaving of Goliath, but the feedback from his outsize sparring partners in the countdown to Saturday's second defence of his title in Newcastle indicates that Hamed could be punching even harder than ever.

The World Boxing Organisation featherweight champioo's preparations to face Puerto Rico's Daniel Alicea have been characteristically unorthodox.

Johnny Nelson, the former British and European cruiserweight champion, stands around eight inches taller and something like five stones heav-ier than the diminutive Sheffield fighter, yet Harned put him out of action for two days following a bout of sparring. Nelson, soon to challenge

Terry Dunstan for his former British title, said: "Naz caught me on the collar bone and trapped a nerve, so I had to take a couple of days off. Once he bit me oo the chin and it was like someone had switched the light on and off. He hasn't floored me, but he nearly has, "People can't believe that this

little guy can do that. He can't spar with anyooc of his weight because he would just destroy

Hamed will be eyeing another Nelson if he disposes of the unbeaten Alicca; Ghana's Azumah, the veteran World Boxing Council super-featherweight champion. The promoter Frank Warren will be by Pernell Whitaker in At-

in September it Hamed defeats Alicea. One offer in excess of £700,000 could not tempt Nelson, so Warren will have to dig deeper into his pocket to secure the billing. There is also the possibility of a spot on the Bruce Seldon-Mike Tyson bill in Las Vegas on 13 July. The Alicea defence will give

Hamed his first real opportunity of substantial Stateside exposure, with the confest available to around 15m homes in America, via the Showtime cable network.

"Everyone in the States is going to hear about me, because in my eyes I'm the best fighter in the world," Hamed said.

"I can't wait for the Americans to see me because I'm going to shock them: I'll send shock waves allower America. I'll probably be their ideal fighter. They definitely know me in Las Vegas, they call me the bomb."

Gary Jacobs' attempt to regain the European welter-weight title from the Frenchman Patrick Charpentier in Dunkirk on 14 June will amount to a world title final eliminator.

The Glaswegian's manager, Mickey Duff, confirmed ves-terday that Jacobs has been installed as the No 1 contender to the formidable International Boxing Federation champion. Felix Trinidad of Puetro Rico,

Charpentier has been elevated to No 2, so there will be plenty at stake for both men on Friday week. Jacobs is pursuing his second attempt at the world crown, having been out-scored working to match the fighters lantic City last August.

#### Olympic goal in sight

Equestrianism

Two horses will come under close scrutiny from the selectors during the Bramham Horse Trials, which begin today near Wetherby in Yorkshire, writes

Genevieve Murphy.

The performances of these two - Mary King's Star Appeal and William Fox-Pill's mount, Cosmopolitan II - will have a definite bearing on the choice of the British Olympic three-day event squad, which will he named on Monday.

Neither horse jumped the and King on King Solomon III.

minton. Cosmopolitan had been coughing and was withdrawn and Star Appeal was retired after a fall at the first cross-country fence. Both horses will bypass the steeplechase course and part of the roads and tracks at Bramham, but they will do the full dressage, cross-

country and show juming tests.

Though incligible for any prizemoocy with their Ohympic candidates, King and Fox-Pitt have the chance to collect rewards with other mounts: Fox-Pitt on Linsmore Lord Charles

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Football

Zimbabwe have receiled the Coventry City
ctuber Poter Actional and his Swiss-based striker Peter Notiona and his Swiss-based brother Adam for the second leg of their World Cup qualitier against Madagasgar, a week after dropping them for turning up late to training camp. Bruce Grobbe-laar, who has been offered a coaching post with the side when his contract with Southampton expires this month, is also back in the squad.

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Rangers will meet Arsenal on 3 August in a lestimonial game for Richard Gough.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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3.00: 1. PANTHER (Natura Dayer) 1-2; 2-How's Yer Father evers fav; 3. Reiding 20: 1.9 van. 1-4; 1-44; () Heineron, Melton). Tota: f3.90: £1.10, £1.20, £4.50, Dual For-cost: £2.60, Computer Straight For-£5.98. Trio: £46.20. 3.30: 1. MONTONE (Dr. M. Mannshi 11-2; 2. Ravven's Roost 66-1; 3. Ravasin-go 8-1; 4. Benjamins Law 9-1, 16 ran. 9-2 fav. Almaca, 2. short-head. () Jenkins,

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Howard Clark, who finally won an invi-tation to the US Open after 22 years, has had to withdraw from the event next week. Clark's wife gave birth a week ago and he wants to spend more time at home while she recovers.

and he wants to spend more time at home white she recovers.

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record score at this level. The French centre, Ludovic Deure, was sent off 10 minutes from time for puncting. Paul and David Hulme, the former Great Britain internetional brothers who were released by Widnes after a contractual dispute, went their separate ways yes-terday when Paul, 30, joined Warrington and David, 32, moved to Leeds.

The England winger Jon Stergitholme's summer sojoum with Sheffeld Eagles looks likely to be blocked by Bath. "John is about to sign a new contract." John Hall, Bath's director of rugby, said. "He will be playing for Bath next season and committed to an artense programme of preparation." Bath have not been appropriated by the sufficiency with levels and in who proached by the rugby league club, who have been dealing with Sleightholme's representatives while the player is in Japan with the Barbarians.

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Cycling

Mario Cipollini sprinted to his fourth stage victory in the Tour of Italy vesterday, but may not complete the 3,955-kilometre race which ends in Milan on Sunday. The Italian complained of knee trouble which could make him a doubtful starter for the mountainous days ahead. Cipollini led over the last 500m to finish clear of compatriol Giovanni Lumbardi and Poland's Zbigniew Spruch in a mass sprint. With leader Pavel Tonkov of Russia clocking the same time as Cipollini, the overall standings remain unchanged.

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### Christie's coach adds to Olympic speculation

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Linford Christie's coach, Ron Roddan, yesterday added his voice to those suggesting that the Olympic 100 metres champion will defend his title next month. Christie may not have committed himself to running in Atlanta, but this week there have been heavy hints from those closest to him, including training parmers Colin Jackson and Frankie Fred-

Roddan, who has guided Christie's career for 12 years, acknowledged that the 36-year-old sprinter was reaching the end of an illustrious career, but sug-gested the attractions of a final Olympic challenge were too

strong to ignore.

"Linford is eojoying his run-ning more now than he has been for a long time," Roddan told BBC Radio Four's Today programme. This is likely to be his last year at the top level and I think he will go out doing the

Asked if Christie was afraid of failure, Roddan replied: "He has nothing left to prove. He has shown over the last 10 years that he is one of the top sprinters in the world and one of the best athletes this country has ever

Jackson, who trained alongside Christie, double silver medallist Fredericks and world champion Merlene Ottey in Australia earlier in the year, has also suggested Christie will ap-pear in Atlanta. When asked if the four had gathered in a joint

quest to win gold, the Welshman replied with a smile: "We all want gold. We've all got a similar goal in mind and we are working together for that end." The original idea for the training format, he said, was

And Fredericks, a 100m winner in 9.95sec at a meeting in St Denis, near Paris, on Monday, added: "If I were him, I'd be there. Even with one leg he has the ability to do something well. But he's my friend and I woo't speak for him."

ation have not pressed Christic for a decision on Atlanta, saying their senior - and most successful - figure has earned every right to take his time be-fore making an announcement.

So it now appears likely that the decision will come next week at Britain's Olympic trials in Birmingham, where Christie has said all along that he will

The team is picked immediately afterwards and the selectors need to know - if only out

In the meantime, Judy Oakes, who achieved the best ever result by a Braish female thrower at a major champion-ship last weekend, is facing an Olympic build-up without com-

Oakes, who putted the shot exactly 19 metres at the European Cup in Madrid to finish second behind Germany's world champion, Astrid Kumberwas is represented by the control of the control bernuss, is angry that her event will not feature in any of the

"I have proved that I am a world-class athlete," she said in Madrid. "I was competing against some 21m putters here and I have shown that I am not afraid of them. But what chance have I got if my event is not in-cluded?

"Ian Stewart, the head of British promotions, has said he is not including the shot in any of the meetings he is putting on. I don't want to travel abroad to compete, because that would

of courtesy to his domestic rivais - what his intentions are. ings this season. ings this season. ings this season. ings this season.

Gunnell, who is also pushed for time as she attempts to get into shape to defend ber Olympic 400m hurdles title, will sharpen up with a 400m flat race against Australia's Commonwealth champion, Cathy Freeman.

The race will take place at the Bupa Games in Gateshead on 30 Juoe, which will be the last chance for any would-be British Olympians to achieve qualify-

### Mullally awaits verdict on pitch

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Edgbaston

First Tests are normally vital in deciding the outcome of a series. particularly in a three-match rubber, where scope for manouevre and regrouping is limited. It is curious then, that England have choseo to play this first Test at Edghaston, the scene of their fastest defeat since the war. Their loss here to the West Indies last year took less than seven sessions.

However, the decisioo has also left England in a quandary over their bowling attack for today's first Test against India. So far, the deliberate decision to let players know their role as soon as possible has been laudable. That fact that nooe of the three poteotial debutants will know their fate until later this morning is therefore out of character and seems to suggest that the pitch has oot quite lived up to its pre-match billing.

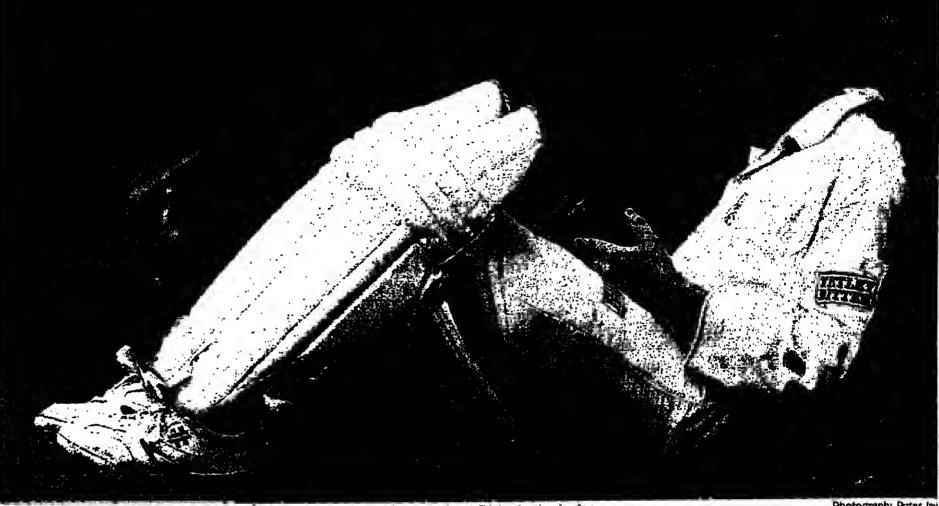
A few days ago, reports of a rassed surface prompted talk of an all-seam attack. Yesterday, that had all changed and spin was the word oo everyone's lips - including those of the England captain - after a clos-

er inspectioo revealed a wellcracked pitch, which will pro-duce the sort of uneven bounce which might explain why Warwickshire have won the Championship more often recently

than, say, Lancashire. If Min Patel, Kent'a Bombayborn left-arm spinner, does make his debut - and he now looks certain to do so - Ronnie Irani, at the expense of John Crawley, is almost bound to join him and will bat at six. It is a tactic the England captain confirmed at yes-terday's press conference, though it was not fully endorsed by his coach, David Lloyd.

More difficult altogether will be the choice of third seamer between Peler Martin and Alan Mullally. That decision is unlikely to be made until this morning when the selectors have had another chance to assess the pitch.

They may also, given India's two spinners, consider Mullally's propensity to run on the pitch. With his first follow-through stride landing about seven feet down around off stump, he not only risks censure from the umfrom bowling for the rest of the innings - but he will also be creating a custom-made dustbowl for Anil Kumhle, India's matchwinning spinner, to exploit.



Study in concentration: Mike Atherton, the England captain, complete with camcorder at Edgbaston yesterday

Mind you, it seems strange that after Raymond Illingworth's talk of wanting someone with pace that Mullally could miss out. When Martin has rhythm and is swinging the ball, he is the ideal bowler to trouble Indian batsmen, who are used to taking liberties like playing across the line. On the other hand, this that England will play India on this summer, and Mullally, having put on at least a yard of pace

after a winter of intensive train-

ing, ought to be given his head.

first ball of last year's Test from Curtly Ambrose whistle clean over his and the wicketkeeper's head, would not be drawn on the current pitch, which has been cut several strips away from last year's lethal surface.

"It looks reasonable to me, he quipped yesterday. "Though necole have been staring at it like it's an ancient relic or something. It's there. We've got to play on it. So there's no point in getting yourself worried about it."

Atherton, who watched the form, Atherton, after the comprehensive victory in the oneday series, has far less to worry about than his opposite number, whose popularity back home has reportedly plummeted in the wake of Navjot Sidhu's suddeo and actimonious retirement.

It is a big Test for both captains, and depending on the re-sult, one that could begin to bring further judgement on both their futures as leaders.

"I never let these things affect me," said Azharuddin, Apart from his own lack of whose batting touch in recent

games is once again approaching its sublime best. I'm not hassled. It's just that we didn't play well in the Texaco series. Anyway we are looking forward to the Tests. They are very important to us as we don't play many. But we need to apply our mind if we are to play well."

That could prove difficult of one-day cricket where techniques and concentration can fall foul of bad habits. That said, India still possess a formidable middle-order with Saniay Mannekar, Tendulkar and Azharuddin likely to prove the biggest obstacle to an England victory.

though none were at Edgbaston, England's baismen cannot afford to be complacent. As a pair of new ball bowlers, Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad have finishing on the losing side after the one-dayers, outbowled their England counterparts.

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will probably bat at six - should enjoy that, as no doubt will those who bought tickets for Edg-

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### Donis decides on Blackburn

Football ANDREW MARTIN

Alan Shearer's domestic goal supply line was bolstered yesterday when Blackburn secured the signature of the Panathinaikos winger, Yorgos Donis. The 26-year-old Greek in-

ternational, who was believed to be a target for Manchester United, Arsenal and Rangers after helping the Athens club reach the semi-finals of the European Cup, agreed terms af-ter visiting Ewood Park.

Donis who has 27 caps, is be-lieved to have negotiated a £20,000 per-week deal after be-coming available on a free transfer. He is expected to take Stuart Ripley's place on the right flank, but Blackburn's attempt to land the Frenchman, Christophe Dugarry, seems to have fal-tered. The Bordeaux striker has indicated that he would prefer to stay on the continent.

We have watched him [Donis] over several months involving matches right across Europe," Tony Parkes, Black-hurn's assistant manager, said. He is exceptionally quick." Terry Venables' ever dimin-

ishing list of fit England defenders shrank again yesterday after Gary Neville missed training for the third day running with a nagging thigh strain. That could mean Philip Neville stepping into his elder brother's shoes for England's opening game of Euro 96, against Swit-

zerland. Les Ferdinand is another England player struggling with injury. The Newcastle striker has a groin problem which yesterday limited his preparations for Saturday's game to a spot of sunbathing at Bisham Abbey. However, Venables will be heartened by Tony Adams' contirning recovery. The centre half shook off a calf injury to make a full contribution to both of

yesterday's training sessions, held behind closed doors. The Swiss were reported to be unhappy yesterday when their plans for a run-out on the Wembley turf were postponed until today by the rehearsal for Saturday's opening ceremony. The Sion midfielder Patrick Sylvestre, 27, has been called up to replace Christophe Ohrel, who broke his toe in training on Monday.

Peter Reid will commit him-

self to guiding Suoderland's Premiership future for the oext three years by signing a new

contract in the near future. The Ipswich Town manager, George Burley, has signed a new three-year contract with the First Division club, while the former England goalkeeper, Peter Shilton, who speot a turbulent two and a half years in charge at Plymouth Argyle, is seeking a return to football

management with Blackpool. Shilton, out of management since late 1994, has applied for the vacancy created by Sam Allardyce's departure. Other applicants include the former Stockport manager, Danny Bergara, the former Leeds defender, Nigel Worthington, and the ex-Biackpool player, Dave Bamber.

David Hodgson, the former Darlington manager, has turned down an offer to become manager of Scarborough, while Torquay United have put their youth-team coach, Kevin Hodges, 35, in charge of team affairs, handing him the title of player-coach. He will assisted by two former playing colleagues at Plymouth: Garry Nelson and

Dr Massini may miss Derby

### Racing

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The doctor was unwell yesterday and so were a lot of punters. Dr Massini, the ante-post favourite for Saturday's Derby at Epsom. has suffered a recurrence of a foot injury and is "highly likely" to miss the Classic.

Michael Stoute's colt did not race as a juvenile because of niggling problems and was lame again immediately after propelling himself to Epsom favouritism in the Glasgow Stakes at York last month. Stoute has warned in the in-

terim that the horse has a pen-

chant for finding trouble.

Seldom can he have found less

Newmarket's Freemason Lodge. "Dr Massini is lame on his near-fore foot," the trainer said. "It is highly unlikely that he will be able to run in the Derby but I will issue a further statement tomorrow morning."

Stoute definitely lost a jockey yesterday when Ray Cochrane, who was due to partner his second string, Double Leaf, returned from a riding accident at Taby in Swedeo with a suspected hroken collar bone. Dr Massini's inteoded jockey, Michael Kinane, may switch to Storm Trooper, whose trainer, Henry Cecil, now has the oew

Derby favourite in Dushyantor. The more heartening news came form another Newmarket trainer, Mark Tompkins, who repleasure in the justification he ported that his 2,000 Guineas discovered yesterday in a box at runner-up, Even Top, was

recovering from the poisoned foot which flared up on Sunday. "He had a canter this morning and his foot is in as good a con-dition as could be expected," Tompkins said. "The vet is delighted with the way it's healed and I'm delighted it's getting better by the minute, and he will have his final piece of light exercise tomorrow morning."

Even if Even Top runs it looks like being another good Derby for the bookmakers. Mons, Silver Dome and Sacho were all backed for the Derby last season, but seem to have given away their talent some time over Christmas, while Nash House, Mark Of Esteem, Mick's Love, King Alex and Air Quest have all been written down on betting slips for Epsom but will not be on Saturday's racecard.

Photograph: Peter Jay look cotirely at ease in the bit ingly cold May. It will also bely dry the pitch and lodia's spe-

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